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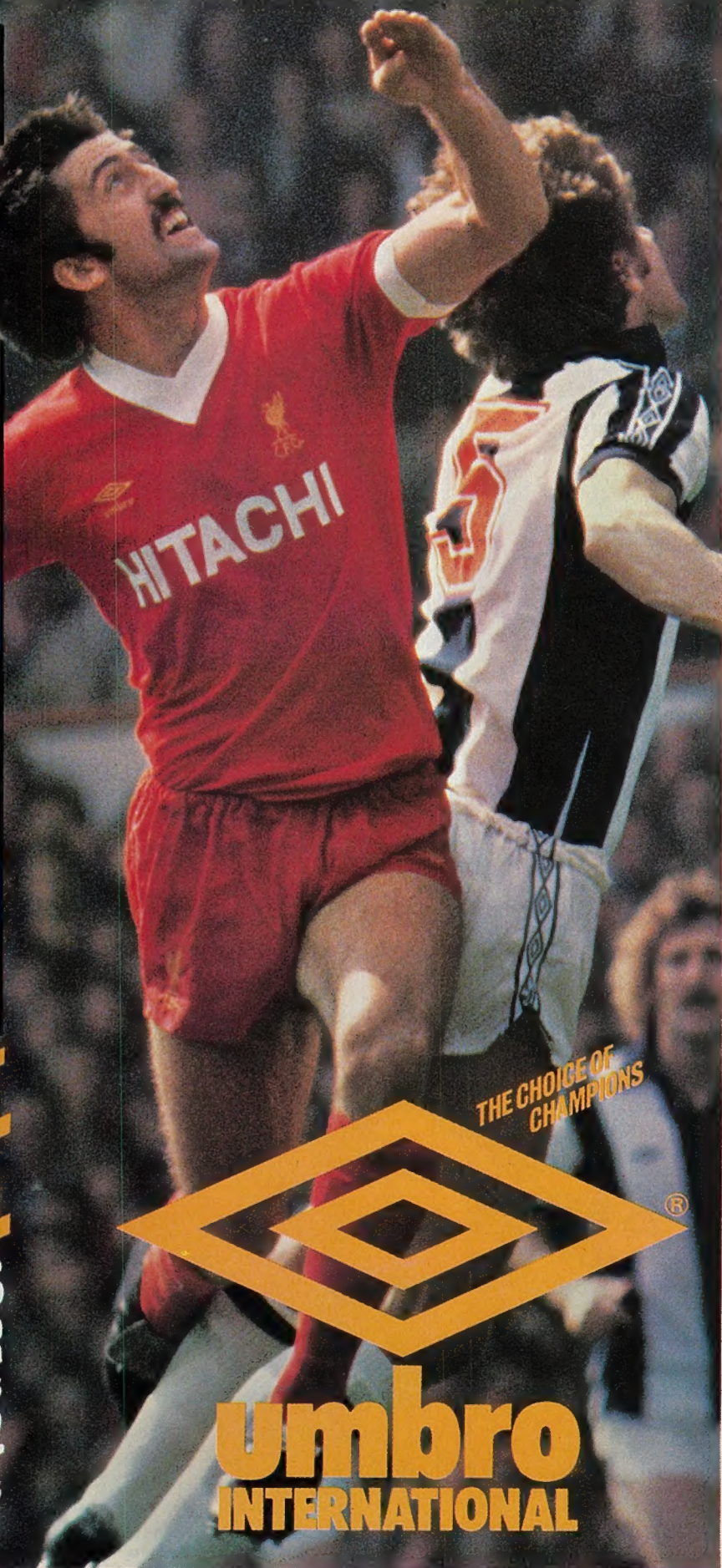
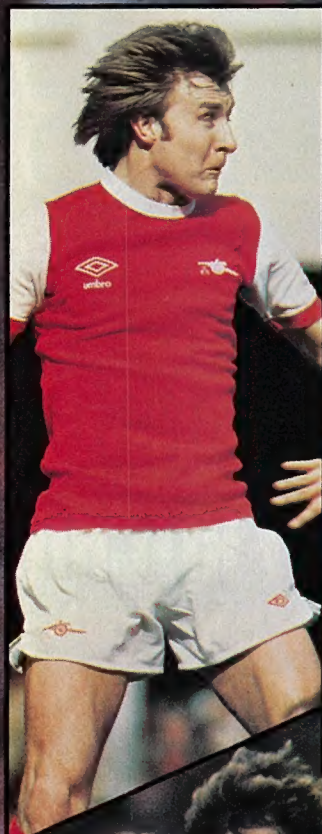




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# KENNY SANSOM

**T**HE partnership Kenny Sansom is forming with Graham Rix at Arsenal could serve England for much of the next decade. The obvious advantages to be gained from a left-sided Arsenal combination of Sansom and Rix could help England create the kind of club spirit and understanding so crucial to success at international level.

That's the belief of one of the participants in the new Highbury partnership, £1 million defender Sansom. The ex-Crystal Palace player, still only 22, has the chance to forge a lethal understanding which will not only serve Arsenal in the First Division, but also future England teams.

Sansom has some startling views on his move to North London and Terry Neill's side.



Graham Rix

Sansom says: "I am convinced I'm a better player than I ever was at Palace. I didn't realise I would have to work so hard when I came here.

"We trained hard at Palace, but nowhere near as hard as we do here. I feel sharper and fitter than I have ever done before, and it's got to be down to the training techniques.

"I find I can get back to my defensive position faster than used to be the case, and that must be because of a higher level of fitness.

"I must be 15 per cent fitter than I was, and that is tremendously important. It opens up so many more options. I'm not faster over short distances; it's on overall stamina that I've improved.

## Enthusiastic

"Don Howe is a marvellous coach to work under. He's enthusiastic, keen and interesting. He varies our schedule all the time. Training is never boring, even the most mundane physical work. We've been working hard on closing people down, and things like that; aspects which will be vital to every player in each game."

Howe, as coach to the England 'B' side and assistant to Ron Greenwood in coaching matters, has the chance to help not only Arsenal, but also future England teams.

Sansom says of this new coach: "He is a tough man, very strict and someone who knows what he wants. You can't get away with bad passing in training or anything

like that. He sets the highest standards and if you don't keep to them you're in trouble.

"Maybe that's what I needed. I would have liked it earlier in my career. It may seem hard at times but it always keeps you on your toes. If I'd been better coached earlier in my career, I reckon I would be a better player now.

"There's no doubt in my mind that all this tougher work and higher level of fitness will pay off in the long term. And, yes, of course it's an advantage to have Don Howe coaching me — he knows the way England work and can see things I do and adapt aspects of my game to England's requirements."

In 172 League games for Palace,

Sansom scored just three times. It is a figure he has almost matched in his three months at Highbury.

But it is with Graham Rix that Sansom has the opportunity to develop a potentially dangerous left-sided partnership. "It's already going well," reports Sansom. "And we're both certain we can do a great deal more to improve our understanding.

"I've never played with someone like Graham; he has so much talent, ability and understanding of the game. He's a midfield player but also a tremendous defender, as he showed for England in Rumania.

"When we're playing together, I've got far more freedom to attack and go further forward, because I know he'll be covering for me and eliminating the chance of the side

being caught out of position by a sudden counter-attack. Now I can stay forward, whereas before, I always had the feeling that I was out of position and ought to get back immediately.

"Don Howe has encouraged me to push forward not only down the left wing but also through the middle. That was how I scored my first goal for Arsenal . . . it came from just such a move.

"Our partnership will certainly get better. I've got such confidence in Graham, I'll feed him the ball whatever position he's in and

whoever is marking him. He fed me the pass from which I scored that first goal against Stoke City.

"I can link with Graham at the back, when we're in defence, when he's in midfield and I'm coming forward or even further forward in attack. We seem to click straight-away and the partnership we're building is sure to improve.

"It's got to be a big advantage having your club-mate playing alongside you in international football, too. We're both convinced we can do it for Arsenal and England."



Kenny Sansom on his route to goal against Stoke City.



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**I**F I were superstitious, I'd have had my fingers crossed for the computer the League uses to arrange fixtures to place our home game against Aston Villa at the end of this season.

It had done just that for the past two seasons — and on each occasion the two points we gained for victory clinched the Championship for Liverpool.

But this time the game with the Villans at Anfield has been brought forward to this Saturday, and for once it's also vitally important to Villa, in with a chance of taking the title for the first time in my experience of playing in the First Division.

It's incredible that a club with such a marvellous tradition has not won the Championship since 1910, when it was their sixth.

Even though they captured the F.A. Cup for a record seven times, the last occasion was in 1957 when I was a schoolboy; and since then their only honours are three League

most glittering prospect is Gordon Cowans, who last season was awarded "Robinson's Barley Water Young Player of the Year" trophy, plus a luxurious Rover car, after gaining most votes from a panel of former footballing "greats", such as Bill Shankly, Liverpool's manager before Bob Paisley.

I had the opportunity of studying Gordon closely while watching him play as an over-age player for the England Under-21 side in Rumania.

## 'Pompey's support confounded my prediction'

the day before the full side played in the World Cup qualifying game.

I was a little disappointed in this midfield player of undoubted class. For me, he was not assertive enough, failed to make his mark on the game by calling for the ball and directing his team-mates.

I'm sure this aspect of his game is being worked on; and once he has mastered it will emerge as an outstanding international of the near-future.

# 'THE VILLANS MUST

Cups — in 1961, 1975 and 1977 — and the 1960 Division Two Championship.

However, the exciting potential of the squad manager Ron Saunders has assembled at Villa Park in recent years has prompted me to include them amongst my title challengers in pre-season previews — and at last my prediction has come true.

Probably because they seem comparatively free of injuries to key players which has bedevilled them previously.

It's so important to have a settled side when you need to play consistently at a high level over a hard, gruelling programme of 42 games in all types of conditions from August to April.

Villa possess the qualification for an up-coming club thrusting for the top honours: a blend of young and older players, all talented and with a willingness to work hard for each other.

Their players are not as well-known nationally as those from many other clubs — such as Liverpool, Everton, Arsenal, Forest, and the two Manchester sides — probably because their club has less exposure on the TV channels and none has recently appeared at full level for England.

Amongst the youngsters, the

Another young Villan to watch out for — both from a spectating stand-point and that of a defender who has to face him — is Gary Shaw, a forward who first caught my eye in a televised match last season. I was impressed by his confidence and ability to shoot from any distance with either foot.

A defender with around the same number of games for Villa under his boots is Colin Gibson, who also shows a lot of promise.

## Different

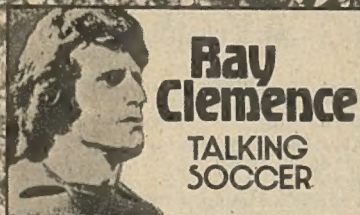
Then there's Kenny Swain, who can't be much older than the others, a Liverpool-born lad who arrived from Chelsea and has been tried out in a number of different positions before finally settling down at right-back.

Veteran amongst Villa's "older brigade" is 'keeper Jimmy Rimmer, who first played for Manchester United, then had a spell at Swansea, followed by over 100 games for Arsenal before moving to Villa Park.

Jimmy and I have known each other for a long time. In fact, since he was in United's reserves and I in Liverpool's and we faced each other in Central League games.

Jimmy is a dedicated player who does not rely solely on his natural





An Argentinian-style welcome for Portsmouth at Anfield in their recent League Cup tie.

do not lose their skill, but their speed and stamina, and this is the main requirement to play in today's high-speed game.

All this week, we at Liverpool have been building ourselves up mentally for Saturday's game, which could in the long run have a bearing on whether we retain the title or not. We can't afford to allow our visitors to escape with a point, as we did with Ipswich and Forest. The Villans must be stopped!

I think I'm safe in predicting a large crowd — despite badly miscalculating the turn-out for our League Cup-tie against Third Division Portsmouth — as several readers pointed out.

I wrote: "Our gate against Swindon was the lowest in 18 years, and unfortunately we don't expect the one for this tie to be much higher!"

It was an amazing 32,021!

Reader Timmy Maginnis of Bognor Regis, West Sussex, wrote: "I notice that only seven fixtures prior to Pompey's visit (out of 18 played) were in excess of 32,000 — according to the Liverpool programme.

"Thanks for a most memorable encounter."

Something like 13,000 Portsmouth fans made the long trek to Anfield to combine with our home crowd to create a marvellous atmosphere.

Although we won 4-1, Pompey gave us a hard game, and it was only in the last ten minutes we really got on top by scoring two goals.

For them, it was like a Cup Final, the highlight of their season so far. Meet me again in SHOOT next week.

# BE STOPPED!

ability, and continues to work hard at his game. I've heard that after a poor display he'll come in on his day off to concentrate on correcting any faults he may feel he's developed.

Allan Evans is one of the back-four in front of Jimmy, and like Kenny Swain delights in goal-scoring.

Surely his most spectacular is the one he scored recently which won the derby game against Birmingham at St Andrews when he swivelled through 180 degrees to volley the ball into the top corner of the net, giving Jeff Wealands no chance.

I'm well-acquainted with central defender Ken McNaught from Merseyside derbies, when he lined up for Everton. Once a regular for the Goodison Blues, he drifted in and out of the side until it was time to move on. Then, like many players in a similar situation, he regained his best form and established himself as a first choice for his new side.

Unfortunately, Ken has been one of the Villa players to suffer with injuries.

Another familiar face to me is that of Dennis Mortimer, born in Liverpool like Kenny Swain, a great captain who leads by example and is capable of suddenly unleashing a shot from outside the box that lands

in the net.

But the player likely to give me most trouble this Saturday is Peter Withe, who came to prominence with Nottingham Forest and was amazingly sold to Second Division Newcastle. I've never been able to fathom out why manager Brian Clough let him go, unless it was because he felt he had a suitable replacement at the time in Garry Birtles.

## 'Peter Withe — an old-style bustling centre-forward'

Then in May, 1980, Peter was brought back into the top flight, where he belongs, by Villa for a club record fee of £500,000, a bargain basement price by today's inflated standards.

Peter is a centre-forward in the old fashioned mould: big, bustling, with power in his head and feet. Very much like his manager, Ron Saunders, which is probably the

reason for him being signed.

Judging by Mr Saunders' teams at two previous top-flight clubs — Norwich City and Manchester City — and the present Villa side, he sets great emphasis on work-rate. As he spelt out to a TV interviewer recently, players as they get older

*Ray Clemence*



Peter Withe (right) takes the ball away from the challenge of Leeds' Paul Hart.



## NASTY NIGHT OUT

WIGAN manager Ian McNeill is hoping to have a night out — with his critics.

He wants to give the fans an opportunity to air their views. It follows a steady stream of letters to McNeill and chairman Freddie Pyle commenting on the club's poor start to the season.

## A BALL FOR CANNON

CRYSTAL PALACE skipper Jim Cannon celebrates ten years at Selhurst Park with a well deserved testimonial next Tuesday (November 25th).

Palace are playing against a Vince Hilaire XI which will include Justin Fashanu, Cyrille Regis, Garth Crooks and Chris Hughton.

Go along and support this fine professional who has been a credit to the club.



CAMBRIDGE United have re-signed the former Peterborough and Luton centre-half Chris Turner from Swindon Town for a nominal fee.

The popular defender, sometimes known as the 'mountain' by Cambridge fans, said: "I probably had a better chance of first team football at Swindon, but the travel from my home at St. Neots was killing."

"I gave a lot of thought to it. I knew Dave Stringer's chances of being released by Cambridge to go to Norwich as youth coach would be better if they had me as a replacement."

It is not often you hear an unselfish story about the acts of professional footballers — three cheers for Turner.

## 'I'm leaving' says Walsall star

WALSALL's long serving defender Brian Caswell could soon be leaving Fellows Park.

Caswell, 24, is still smarting over the dispute which ended with him being fined a week's wages for refusing to play left-back against Exeter City.

"The time may have come for me to part company with the club," he says. "I have nothing against the manager, but I don't like the way the club has handled this matter."

Caswell, who joined Walsall from school, prefers to play in midfield.

## ECSTASY AND AGONY

WATFORD's amazing League Cup exploits hide the agonies of two players who have missed out on the glory.

While his Hornets team-mates were celebrating their win over Nottingham Forest, Martin Patching was celebrating his 22nd birthday — by removing a plaster cast that stretched from knee to ankle on his left leg.

And Ian Bolton, the defender with the touch of a gentle giant, was waiting for the call that would provide him with the specialised hospital treatment he needs to remedy a disc problem in his back.

ARSENAL, Manchester United and Rangers are leading the chase for teenage Ballymena United defender Nigel Worthington.

## Rochdale's problem

INEXPERIENCE IS costing Rochdale a better position in the Fourth Division table.

Manager Peter Madden says: "We have missed so many chances and thrown away so many points that we could have been right on the heels of the top lot if only we had snatched a small proportion of those chances which we lost."

"A lot of it is due to inexperience. We have so many young lads in the side and only experience and confidence can make them into players who can put away chances."

Mark Hilditch and Barry Wellings have been in good form for Rochdale this season.

## NEWS DESK

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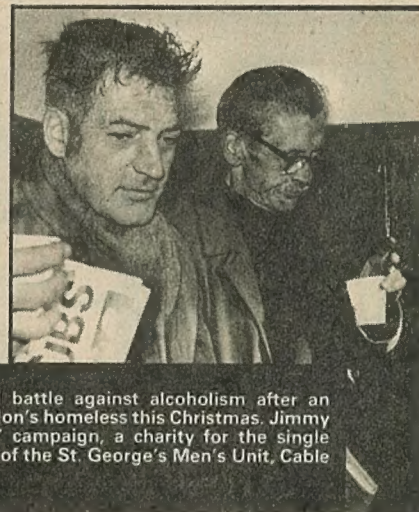


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## CAMPBELL'S COMEBACK

FORMER Eire international Noel Campbell, whose career seemed finished when he had to quit Fortuna Cologna with a knee injury last year, is making a comeback. The red-haired midfielder, who started his career with St Patrick's Athletic, is now gradually working his way back with Shamrock Rovers.

THE TOP JOB IN FOOTBALL. Brian Fearnley reckons he holds the title in his capacity as electrician for Leeds United. His job is to maintain Elland Road's floodlights, which are the highest in Britain. Brian's birds-eye view is 260 feet from the ground.



JIMMY GREAVES, who won a personal battle against alcoholism after an outstanding soccer career, is helping London's homeless this Christmas. Jimmy helped launch the "Crisis at Christmas" campaign, a charity for the single homeless. He is seen here with residents of the St. George's Men's Unit, Cable Street, Stepney, East London.



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**HARD-UP** clubs are fighting shy of transfer deals.

Two examples are at Sunderland, where goalkeeper Barry Siddall and full-back Tim Gilbert are on the transfer list.

"It's surprising they haven't been snapped up," says Roker manager Ken Knighton. "They're both very good players who would strengthen a lot of teams."

"But it shows there is just not the money around for transfers."

Gilbert (right) who has interested Bolton and Fulham, is so disillusioned that he is prepared to quit English football at the end of the season and play in America if nobody moves in for him.

Siddall had a week's trial at Wolves, but the clubs couldn't agree a fee. He has been on loan to Fourth Division Darlington.



## ATKINS OFF

**IAN ATKINS** could be joining Newcastle United. The Shrewsbury Town player has demanded a transfer and it is no secret that Newcastle's manager, Arthur Cox, rates Atkins very highly.

Only last season Cox put in a bid of £125,000 for Atkins which was rejected by Shrewsbury Town's player-manager, Graham Turner.

Now he could be back at Gay Meadow with a much bigger offer which might tempt Turner to part with Atkins, who has made just over 200 Football League appearances in seven seasons at Gay Meadow.

## HIBS MUST PAY-UP

IT has been decided that Hibs must pay £35,000 to Arbroath for 20-year-old utility player Terry Wilson, who was signed recently by the Edinburgh club under the new freedom of contract arrangement.

This was the sum fixed by a special Scottish League tribunal who met to resolve the situation whereby the two clubs involved could not reach agreement on the player's worth.

A GROUP of Chesterfield fans showed enterprise when the Third Division side played mighty Glasgow Rangers in the Anglo-Scottish Cup. They chartered a helicopter to fly them from Derbyshire to Glasgow for the game at Ibrox Park — and bring them back immediately afterwards.

## Bendall's Flying

**RON BENDALL** is the new commuting chairman of Aston Villa. He will continue living in Ramsey on the Isle of Man and yet plans to travel to every home game and board meeting.

Mr Bendall, a former Birmingham businessman, said: "I can travel from home in Ramsey to Birmingham in just two hours and it is my intention to watch every first team game at Villa Park and also a few away."

His son, Ronald, is also a member of the four-man board at Villa Park.



## T.V. Verdict Competition Results

IN our October 4th issue we asked you for your opinions about football on television . . . what you don't like about it and how it could be improved. The judges decided that the best entry came from Laurence Whitehead, of St Helens, who wins a portable black and white television.

Senders of the 25 next best suggestions each win a copy of the new Big Match theme, 'Jubilation' by Jeff Wayne. They are:

Jane Clark, Woodford Green, L.W.T. Anthony Conte, Edinburgh, S.T.V. J. E. Copping, Cambridge, Anglia. Michael Dalton, Meanwood, Yorkshire. Andrew Delbridge, Newquay, Westward. Colin Drew, St. Columb, Westward. Hugh Duffy, Wilhelly, Ulster. Ian Dunn, Nottingham, Midlands. M. Esswood, London SW6. L.W.T. Miss K. Hills, Ashford, Southern/London. David Howells, Sully, H.T.V. (West). Philip Jordan, Wolverhampton, Midlands. Elaine Lewis, Sutton Coldfield, A.T.V. James Mcenna, Sale, Granada. Graeme Mercer, Kiffennan, Ulster. John Mills, Windsor, L.W.T. Jim Maloney, Ilford, L.W.T. Chris Radette, Harrow, L.W.T. Ian Riley, Bridgwater, H.T.V. Geoff Simmons, Kilsberry, Ulster. Robin Slingo, Telford, A.T.V. Debra Stirling, London E13, Thames. Stephen Tinney, Ballymena, Ulster. L. A. Underwood, Ashford, L.W.T. Gavin Ward, Kingston upon Thames, L.W.T.

**ANOTHER** non-League player is poised to make the grade with a big club.

Striker Chris Waddle made his debut for Newcastle against Shrewsbury after graduating from the Northern League to the Second Division with United.

Waddle, signed from Tow Law, quickly earned his first team chance with a string of goals for the reserves.

In the past two seasons, Alan Shoulder, Peter Cartwright and Steve Carney have moved from the obscurity of the Northern League to play for United.

Waddle did well on his debut, United winning 1-0, but three days later, he was substituted as Chelsea slammed Newcastle 6-0.

## CREWE'S JOY

**CREWE'S** gates have increased this season at a time when other clubs are struggling for support on the terraces.

The average attendance at Gresty Road for the first eight Fourth Division games was 2,745. The next four home games averaged 3,500, a tribute to the flair manager Tony Waddington is conjuring from his mid-table team.

## Briefly...

**MANCHESTER UNITED** will be Home Farm's opponents for the official switch-on of their new floodlights at Tolka Park, Dublin, on December 1st.

**BURY** manager Jim Iley has dropped his commitment to a 4-2-4 line-up with two men playing wide down the flanks.

Winger Steve Mullen has been given instructions to play in midfield.

"I have told Steve he can line-up on the right of the midfield and take deep positions at set pieces," explained Iley.

**NEVER** on a Sunday. That's the emphatic reaction from Aston Villa following suggestions by the Football League chairman that matches should be allowed any time during the weekend.

**ARBROATH**, determined to get back to the Scottish First Division in one season, have bought Clyde winger Derek Hyslop for £5,000.

**FULL** colour posters of Southampton and England captain Kevin Keegan are being given away free by Grundig. To obtain a copy of the poster, readers should apply by post to: Grundig Consumer Services, PO Box 120, Harrow, Middlesex.

**CAMBRIDGE** have the long and short of it as far as

players are concerned with Steve Spriggs and George Reilly.

Skipper Spriggs, at 5ft 2½in, is the smallest man regularly playing in the League.

At the other end of the ruler is Scottish striker, Reilly. He stands 6ft 3½in, with only Chelsea's Micky Droy topping him at 6ft 4in. United's manager John Docherty measures 5ft 5in.

**THE** record made by Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence, entitled "Side By Side", is to be released by Polydor on November 28th.

**CRUSADERS** hope to have their new £200,000-plus grandstand, accommodating 1,200 spectators, completed by the end of this year.

## Ally NOT past his best

**THOSE** who say footballers get it too easy should listen to one of the game's unsung heroes, long serving West Brom defender Alistair Robertson (left, arms raised), who has his testimonial this season.

Robertson said: "I didn't realise how much was involved. It takes an awful lot of your time running around and I can quite understand how it affects some player's form."

"Obviously your testimonial is boosted if your form is good and I'm happy to say mine has been all right this season."

And 28-year-old Robertson added: "A few people are saying that John Wile and I are past our best, but I think we can prove them wrong by going on for a few years yet."



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# UEFA CUP PREVIEW

## 'IPSWICH SUIT US' SAY WIDZEW

ONE wonders what Bobby Robson's immediate thoughts were when Ipswich were drawn out of the hat first to play Widzew Lodz of Poland. It marked the Portman Road side's 35th Euro tie under the England 'B' boss and remarkably the 14th time they'd been drawn to play the first leg at home.

Some managers prefer this; others would rather know what their team has to do to win through in front of their own supporters.

Ipswich, however, have had something of a death-wish after playing at home first. They haven't lost a home Euro tie since Robson's first match against Real Madrid back in September, 1973. In fact, only FC Twente (the former club of Arnie Muhren and Frans Thijssen) and Grasshoppers have drawn there.

Yet too often Town have built up a good lead, only to almost throw it away in the second leg. This season they beat Aris Salonika 5-1, yet were in real danger of going out in Greece. Then, after beating Bohemians of Prague 3-0, scraped through with a 2-0 defeat in Czechoslovakia.

With this in mind, it's likely that



Widzew captain Zbigniew Boniek.

Robson wouldn't have minded travelling to Poland next week. He knows, though, that Widzew Lodz will present one of their sternest tests in seven years.

Any side that knocks out Manchester United and Juventus must be respected. It was the manner of their 1-1 draw at Old Trafford that made people sit up and take notice. They actually attacked — rare for a visiting Continental

team. And they attacked with speed, purpose and skill.

They played some of the best football by a European club ever seen at Old Trafford — and when you think of United's long Euro history, that is praise indeed.

"Ipswich Town? That's great!" was the reaction of Widzew captain Zbigniew Boniek. "They have an excellent international reputation but we have experience of playing against English teams, having beaten both Manchester City and United."

"We like the open, tough game of the English. I realise Ipswich have a first-class record over the past year, both in League football and Europe. I'm glad we're playing at Portman Road first: that's an advantage for us."

Widzew manager Jacek Machcinski said: "Ipswich are perhaps the most attractive rivals we could have had. We like to play against the best because it motivates us. After beating Manchester United and Juventus my players are very confident. I wouldn't like to say who will win — but the fans should see two exciting ties."

Widzew Lodz are top of the Polish League, and Robson has been busy talking to fellow England coach Dave Sexton.

### Talking

The shock result of the Second Round was Cologne's 4-0 win in Barcelona, the Catalan club's heaviest home defeat in Europe. Cologne had lost 1-0 at home and few opponents even draw in the Nou Camp Stadium.

Tony Woodcock and company now face fellow Bundesliga side VfB Stuttgart in what should be two classic games. Strangely, attendances at the ties are unlikely to be good. German fans don't care for two German teams playing each other in Europe.



Helped by Eric Gates (dark shirt), Ipswich scraped through against Bohemians Prague.

### UEFA CUP THIRD ROUND

Ipswich Town (Aris Salonika 5-1, 1-3; Bohemians 3-0, 0-2)	V Widzew Lodz (Man. Utd. 1-1, 0-0; Juventus 3-1, 1-3 — 4-1 pens)
Radnicki (Linz 2-1, 4-1; Borac 1-0, 2-1)	V AZ '67 (Red Boys 0-0, 4-0; Levski Sofia 1-1, 5-0)
Hamburger SV (Sarajevo 4-2, 3-3; PSV 1-1, 2-0)	V St-Etienne (Kaopec 7-0, 7-0; St. Mirren, 0-0, 2-0)
Grasshoppers (BK Copenhagen 3-1, 5-2; FC Porto 0-2, 3-0)	V Torino (Molenbeek 2-1, 2-2; Magdeburg 3-1, 0-1)
Standard Liege (Steau 1-1, 2-1; Kaiserslautern 2-1, 2-1)	V Dynamo Dresden (Kruzevac 1-0, 1-0; FC Twente 1-1, 0-0)
Ein, Frankfurt (Donetsk 0-1, 3-0; FC Utrecht 1-2, 3-1)	V Sochaux (Servette 2-0, 1-2; Boavista 2-2, 0-1)
Lokeren (Dynamo Moscow 1-1, 1-0; Dundee Utd. 1-1, 0-0)	V Real Sociedad (Ujpest 1-1, 1-0; Brno 1-1, 2-1)
VfB Stuttgart (Larnaca 0-0, 4-1; Vorwarts 5-1, 2-1)	V Cologne (Akranes 4-0, 6-0; Barcelona 0-1, 4-0)

## SHOOT! view!

FRANK Carrodus, Peter Barnes, Gary Owen and Paul Power have more in common than the fact that at various stages in their enterprising careers they have sweated buckets for Manchester City.

They, and many other players who have become household names, are the thoroughbred products of Steve Fleet's scouting stable.

No windswept touchline in the North of England has been complete in the last seven winters without the presence of Steve Fleet in his capacity as manager of Manchester City's youth team.

His face still glows with pride when he reflects on the day he made his first discovery in a local friendly at Altrincham, one of three clubs Fleet played for after understudying the legendary Bert Trautmann at Manchester City in the 1950's.

The player he spotted that day was Frank Carrodus. Fleet arranged for the fair-haired, un-razored youngster to return to Altrincham a few days later and Malcolm Allison, then coach at City, wasted no time signing him.

His star-finding qualities earned him the job of youth team coach at Stockport County in 1970. Three years later he accepted an offer to manage Manchester City's youth team.

### Diamonds

Fleet's great talent has been to find uncut gems kicking footballs around parks and bomb-sites for Manchester City and polish them into diamonds. No player sparkled more brightly than Peter Barnes.

Fleet has served under Ron Saunders, Tony Book and Malcolm Allison. Saunders thought so much of him during his time at Maine Road that he offered Fleet the youth team manager's job at Aston Villa when City sacked him.

Fleet declined the offer, his loyalty and fondness for the Manchester area persuading him to stay.

A few weeks ago, he gave thought to how best he could aid the revival of Manchester City under John Bond's talented management.

His aspirations will remain unfulfilled. For Steve Fleet has been sacked.

He joins the two million jobless, victim of a clearout since the departure of Tony Book and Malcolm Allison. Steve Fleet's job has gone to former Bournemouth winger Tony Scott.

No golden handshakes for one of soccer's hardest working men, but Fleet says proudly: "You stand or fall by your record. I maintain my record is second to none in the country."

"I made a success of my job with City's youth team. I am prepared to go anywhere to stay in the game."

Steve Fleet's sacking is a classic example of the ruthless business football has become.



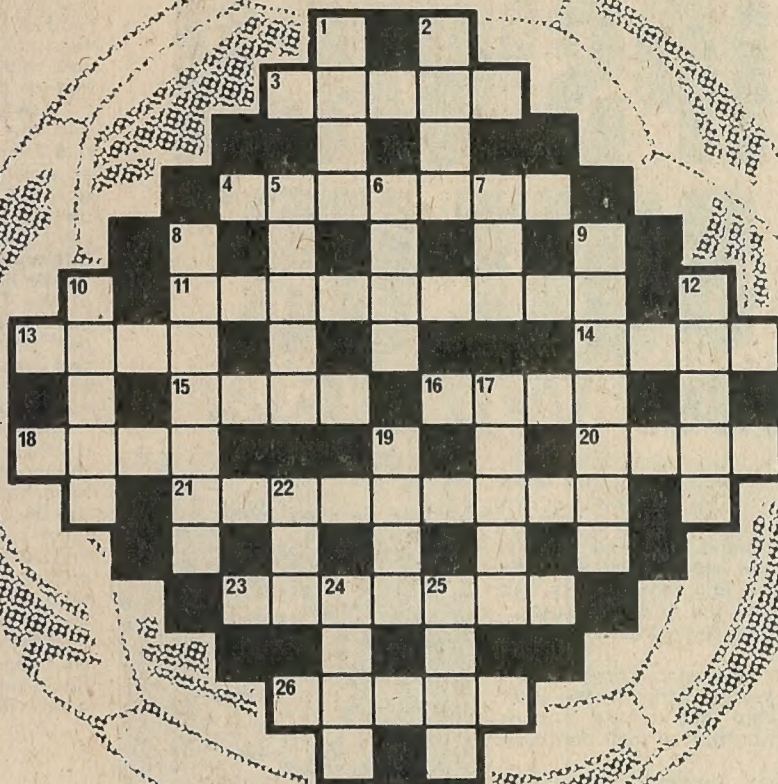
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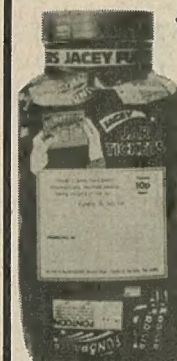
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**T**HE F.A. Cup, the world's oldest competition, never ceases to amaze the footballing public, season-by-season serving up a string of barely-credible results.

The fact that eight non-First Division sides have won the trophy in its 108-year history only goes to demonstrate that the upsets sometimes occur right through to the finish.

Among the eight is Spurs' 1901 victory as a Southern League outfit. In those days there was no League structure below the Second Division and, in just another two decades, the First Division of the Southern League was to become the new Third Division of the Football League.

Notts County had set the trend by winning the Cup as a Second Division team in 1894, the club's only major honour, and a feat emulated by Wolves (1908), Barnsley (1912, after 12 matches) and West Brom (1931).

There was then a gap of 42 years

before Sunderland's famous 1973 win over mighty Leeds, followed by victories by Southampton (1976) and West Ham (last May) to give the Second Division three 1-0 Cup triumphs in the last eight seasons.

No Third Division team has ever appeared in an F.A. Cup Final but five clubs from that section have fallen at the last hurdle before Wembley, three of them, Port Vale, York and Norwich, in the 1950's.

The others were Millwall, who beat three First Division opponents in 1937, and Malcolm Allison's Crystal Palace in 1976. York and Norwich succumbed in 1955 and 1959 only after replays with Newcastle and Luton respectively.

The 1975-76 was a season of F.A. Cup shocks. Bradford City became only the third Fourth Division team to reach the Sixth Round, where they fell 1-0 to Southampton at Valley Parade.

Saints disposed of Palace in the Semi-Finals, then shocked Man-

**RIGHT:** Newcastle 'keeper Ian McFaul is beaten, and Hereford are into the Fourth Round in 1972.

**BELOW:** Ian Porterfield's goal wins the F.A. Cup for Sunderland in 1973.

chester United with the solitary goal of the Final seven minutes from time, a Stokes' cross-shot past the outstretched left hand of the diving Stepney.

Oxford, in only their second League season in 1964, and Colchester, who humbled Leeds at the latter's peak 3-2 in 1971, were earlier Fourth Divisioners to progress to the last eight.

The latter result signalled the beginning of a curious six years for Leeds in which they four times lost to clubs from a lower Division than themselves (Bristol City and Crystal Palace beat them, as well as Colchester and Sunderland) and also won the Cup in its centenary season of 1971-72.

Around the turn of the century it was quite commonplace for non-League teams to do well in the F.A. Cup. Southampton, in addition to reaching the last four in 1898, were

also twice runners-up from outside the League either side of Spurs' 1901 victory, and so were Sheffield Wednesday in 1890.

Millwall (twice) and Swindon (in 1910 and 1912, the same years as Second Division Barnsley got to the Final) were beaten by non-League Semi-Finalists, as were Nottingham Forest in 1892.

In 1964 four of the Cup Quarter-Finalists were from outside the First Division, including Oxford, and in the Semis Second Division Preston and Swansea met for the



right to challenge West Ham at Wembley.

Sixteen years later the boot was on the other foot as Second Division Hammers lined up against Arsenal in the Final.

Six non-League sides have got the better of First Division opponents, and this has helped some of the former to achieve League status. Darlington, then in the North-Eastern League, were the first to gain this distinction by defeating Sheffield Wednesday in 1920, joining the newly-formed Third Division North the following year, and two seasons later the Corinthians beat Blackburn Rovers.

Two similar sensations occurred just after the last War. In 1948 Southern League Colchester beat Huddersfield and a year later Yeovil used their celebrated slope

to better advantage against Sunderland.

Three seasons after their magnificent feat, Colchester gained admission to the League.

During the 1970's the Southern League struck again. Hereford topped First Division Newcastle in 1972 and Wimbledon eliminated Burnley at Turf Moor in 1975, and then took Leeds to a replay.

## Status

Both were soon elected to the Fourth Division. Other clubs to have been given League status via some stirring F.A. Cup form have been Gillingham, Scunthorpe, Peterborough and Workington.

Coming right up to date, Harlow Town last season did the next best thing to beating a team from the top bracket. They knocked out eventual Second Division Champions, Leicester, in a replay before giving Watford a fright.

Perhaps the best-known giant-killing act of all-time, however, was not by a non-League team but that of a Third Division one, Walsall, over the powerful Arsenal side of internationals.

During the 1930's The Gunners were Cup winners twice, runners-up once and League Champions five times, including three consecutive titles from 1933 to 1935, yet the game that stands out in most people's memories is their Third Round Cup-tie of that era with Walsall on January 14th, 1933, in which they were well beaten by a club which had left the Second Division in 1901 and briefly returned to it 60 years later.

Despite winning the Cup three times in the last 16 years, West Ham, during the same period, have suffered humiliation at the hands of Hull, Mansfield, Swindon and, in

a replay with Q.P.R., were thrashed 6-1 in 1978. The Hammers appeared in the first Wembley Final in 1923 as a Second Division club, losing 0-2 to Bolton.

Other teams for whom a Cup sequence has provided a welcome boost in a fairly uneventful career were those by Exeter (1931), Southend (1952), Halifax (1953), Newport (1949), Bournemouth (1957), Watford (1970) and Wrexham (1974).

It will be this type of team, from the two lower Divisions of the Football League, which will be most at risk this Saturday (November 22nd) when they could be forced to take on one of the minnows from outside the 92 clubs. But the excitement started on August 30th this year when the 100th F.A. Cup competition commenced.





# They said it...

"I have not even bothered to watch a game this season. I went to one game last season and I began to wonder if someone had slipped a sleeping pill in my half-time coffee. I could hardly keep my eyes open, but it eventually dawned on me that it was the game itself which was sending me to sleep." Francis Lee.

"I think we are established as a Second Division side now. We bought people who got us out of the Third Division, and we will have to buy people to get us out of the Second, and who can play in the First." Sheffield Wednesday manager Jack Charlton.

"Sooner or later, there are going to be only a handful of clubs who can compete at the current level, and they will form a Super League." Aston Villa manager Ron Saunders.

"I've seen nothing in Division Two to fear if we had half a decent team." Newcastle manager Arthur Cox.

"If I had remained England manager, Ray Wilkins would have been my captain." Don Revie.

"I think too much was made of our good start a year ago. It was built up too much. We weren't that good. But the same can be said of our present position. Too much is being made of

our bad start. We're not that bad." Crystal Palace's Gerry Francis (below).



"John Bond and I are still good friends. After all, he did me a favour by going and letting me get the job." Norwich manager Ken Brown.

"Liverpool are a great side without any weaknesses." Everton's Asa Hartford.

"I felt we improved in the second-half." Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw after their 3-0 defeat by Aston Villa (half-time 1-0).

"I once saw a game at Old Trafford and the atmosphere was electric. The Stretford End was nearly as loud as The Hill at the Sydney Cricket Ground." Australia fast bowler Dennis Lillee.

"The chairman has told me I have a contract for life." Bobby Campbell (below), only hours before he was sacked by Fulham.



"And in the crowd watching his son, Joe McBride, is his father, Joe McSenior McBride." "And here's another scoreflash from Liverpool where Anfield lead 4-1" Bryon Butler, BBC radio.

"He was the real thorn in Thistle's flesh." David Francey, Radio Scotland.

"Players who leave Nottingham Forest have a habit of doing well." Birmingham City's Archie Gemmill (below).



"You could have gone in Ladbrokes at the beginning of the season and got 2,000,000-1 against me being booked seven times by October." Wolves' Emlyn Hughes.

## Rangers star thought he was finished

WHEN Celtic captain Danny McGrain ran almost the length of the field to shake Rangers' full-back Ally Dawson's hand at the end of the last Old Firm game it was more than just the usual after-match formality.

It was the salute from one player who had shaken off a serious injury to another who had managed to do the same. Early in his career with Celtic, McGrain fractured his skull in a match at Falkirk... but he returned to claim the Celtic and Scotland first choice spot.

Now Dawson could be following that example after agonising months of worry. When he played in the Ibrox Old Firm clash on November 1 it was the first senior match he had played in Scotland since the Cup Final last May. The reason — a fractured skull he suffered on the Ibrox club's close season trip to Canada.

Dawson recalls: "For the first two or three days in Canada after the injury happened I kept thinking that my career might be over."

"It's hard to get away from that when you have a head injury and you don't really know how bad it might be. Gradually, though, I realised that things were going to be all right. That all it was going to take was time."

"Funnily enough, I still can't remember the incident clearly. We were playing Italian team Ascoli and a ball was played forward into our penalty box which I went for. The other lads told me that one of their players came in from the other side of the box and we collided."

That collision had Dawson sidelined for close to four months, just as he seemed on the verge of becoming a member of Scotland's World Cup squad.

But at the moment, Dawson is thinking only about re-establishing himself with Rangers!

He says: "It was frustrating to start with because there were times when I felt fine but still couldn't train."

"When I began proper training I was lucky that Bobby Russell, who was just recovering from a cartilage operation, was there to keep me company. We helped each other along."

"I didn't think I would get back into the side so quickly. It helped my confidence a lot to know that Danny McGrain had a similar injury, and one or two other players as well."

"They had returned and so it became a matter of getting myself match fit. I was able to head the ball and anyone who saw me in

the Old Firm game would realise I had no fears as far as that was concerned.

"But all I had were a couple of reserve team matches before the boss, John Greig, brought me back. He gave me my chance in an Anglo-Scottish Cup game at Ches-

terfield, which we lost 3-0, possibly because it was away from home and that meant less pressure for me.

Ally Dawson starred for Rangers in his first game back against Celtic after a fractured skull.

"Despite the result I was pleased with my performance and I was selected to play against Celtic. That capped my comeback. We won 3-0 and it's the best the team have played against Celtic since I came in a year or two ago."

Ibrox boss John Greig, who rarely mentions individual players, broke that habit after the Celtic victory to stress: "Ally Dawson did well for us."

"He has had to come through a great deal and has shown tremendous character to get back to the team as quickly as he has done. We are all delighted with him."





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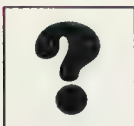
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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

**N**OTTINGHAM had better start preparing for local derbies next season. The promotion omens are good for high-riding County; with one-third of the season completed they had won more points at that stage than the two previous Second Division Champions, Crystal Palace and Leicester.

The spotlight has been firmly on the City Ground in recent years as Forest collected two European Cups and League Cups. Now, the County Ground on the other side of the River Trent is bubbling.

"It's nice for our fans to be able to hold their heads high," says manager Jimmy Sirrel. "Our present position is a reflection on everyone at the club, from the board to the lads who clean the boots."

"We have skill, vigour, pace and power, and there's no reason whatsoever why we shouldn't be up there in the First Division next season."



Notts County coach Howard Wilkinson (right). The experienced Eddie Kelly (left).

either England or Spain.

The man behind the coaching revolution at County is Howard Wilkinson, one of the posse of England coaches under Ron Greenwood. While West Ham are possibly the team with the most flair in Division Two (incidentally, County believe The Hammers will win promotion along with themselves) The Magpies are surely the best organised.

Their philosophy is simple: keep the ball — if the opposition haven't got it, they can't cause danger.

County's possession football frustrates opponents and, of course, gives them more options.

Sirrel explains: "We sat down and went through everything from A-Z. A new style emerged based on the simple belief that without the ball the other team can't punish us."

The fans appreciate what County are trying to do. Crowds are notoriously fickle and prefer the ball pumped upfield as quickly



as possible.

At Meadow Lane, the team aren't whistled as they pass the ball to each other waiting for the right opening, and the supporters have been rewarded with results that must have been beyond their dreams in August.

Some say the standard of Division Two isn't very high this season; what no one can deny, surely, is that it's competitive. If West Ham seem to have it right at last, the race for the other two promotion places could go 'to the very end'.

## NOTTINGHAM'S ONLY TOP TEAM THIS SEASON

"It would mean a tremendous amount to this city to have Forest coming to Meadow Lane and vice-versa. It would be a reversal of the current trend in two-club cities. Both teams in Bristol have been struggling, City have had a bad time in Manchester, and United have fallen quite a way behind Wednesday in Sheffield. So it would be nice to see the two Nottingham sides getting to a closer standard."

"We like to think we play good football here, and with creative players like Don Masson, Iain McCulloch and Eddie Kelly it's difficult to play any other way."

Basically, the team has changed little from last season's line-up. Eddie Kelly's experience has helped the midfield, but it's in defence where a shrewd switch of positions have given County a far more European look about them.

The days of Needham and Blockley at the heart of defence are long gone. Teenage centre-half Brian Kilcline is a tower of strength and alongside him now is Pedro Richards, converted from full-back to sweeper, while Tristan Benjamin has moved from the number



County have some quality players. You'd be hard pushed to find a safer goalkeeper in the Division than their Yugoslav Raddy Avramovic. The back-four of Tristan Benjamin, Brian Kilcline, Pedro Richards and Eire international Ray O'Brien gives little away.

In midfield, the experience of Eddie Kelly and Don Masson enables The Magpies to control matches and help younger players such as Paul Hooks, Gordon Mair and David Hunt.

### Tremendous

Up front Iain McCulloch has been in tremendous form, helped by the hard-working Trevor Christie.

Rachid Harkouk's County career has only just got going, following an appendix operation in the autumn and a sending-off at Bristol City. The former Crystal Palace and Q.P.R. striker scored his first League goal after coming on as sub against Bristol Rovers in October, and if he can control his temper he will score a few more goals.

Brian Clough has had things pretty much his own way in Nottingham, but Notts County — the oldest League club — have been the only team at the top in the city this season.

Forest may make it yet, but County have already been there.

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min has moved from the number six shirt to right-back.

Scotland manager Jock Stein was so impressed by Richards' cool, calm play that he enquired if he was eligible to play for Scotland; in fact, Pedro can play for

Pedro Richards finds a way past Kevin Taylor of Sheffield Wednesday.



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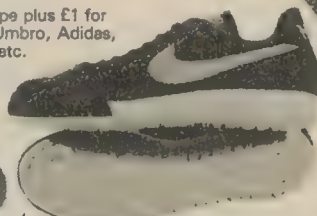
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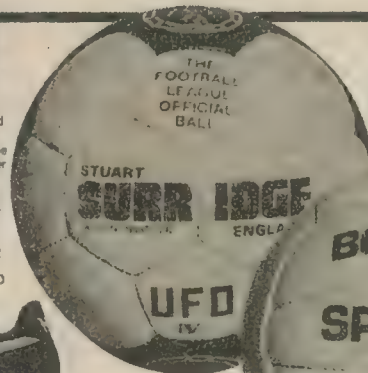
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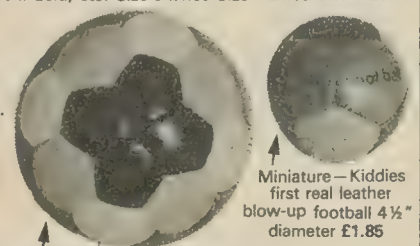
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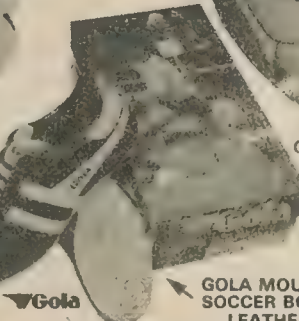
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**H**EAVY commitments during the summer, including the European Championship, prevented BBC commentator John Motson from taking a holiday. So he's taking three weeks off from *Match of The Day* over Christmas and the New Year.

Motson is paying for himself to fly to Uruguay to see the Copa de Oro . . . the Mini-World Cup which will be contested by Argentina, Holland, West Germany, Brazil, Italy and the host nation.

He feels it is important for him to see as much of the world's top players as possible. In action, in training, remembering their faces, studying their style.

Motson was voted the top commentator in our recent soccer

mushroomed. On any Saturday now ITV, with their regions, can cover up to six games. The BBC, not wanting to be outdone, have cameras at three grounds. News programmes can cover two or three more games.

"Someone worked out recently that there were cameras in 15 stadiums and you could see the goals from nine of the 11 First Division games.

"That's wrong, but while television may be a contributory factor to falling gates, it would be wrong to put most of the blame in this direction.

"Handled the right way, T.V. can do the game a lot of good. The way we've covered World Cups and improved fans' knowledge of



**Chris Davies meets...**



distributed. The contract is with the League and they decide how much each club should have.

"If there was a ban, clubs wouldn't get sponsors or much ground advertising. However, I'm sympathetic with the clubs who

to watching *Match of the Day* on Saturday evening. We'd been there since 1964, so the tradition built up over almost 20 years has been broken.

"I think fans would prefer us back to our old spot. This is taking nothing away from ITV who, especially in the London area, have responded well to the challenge. I believe deep down some of the ITV companies will be happy to go back to Sundays next season."

Motson has been with MOTD for nine years. He started off as a local weekly reporter, moved on to a daily provincial paper, to Radio Sheffield, to Radio Two . . . to television.

"If I had to pick out one commentator I particularly admire, it would be David Coleman. One of the most important qualities of a commentator is to be able to bring the flavour and atmosphere of the event to your front room. In that respect David has no equal. Even before I started at the BBC, I used to think that his voice meant that the occasion was important."

Motson . . . Coleman . . . all commentators have been guilty of the occasional gaff.

"It's an occupational hazard. It used to bother me, but not now. I'd only be upset if someone was criticising my general style. You have to be big enough to laugh at yourself. One of my best, or worst,

was in the 1978 World Cup, when I told viewers the Argentinians were numbered alphabetically."

Which brings Motson to his nightmare commentary. "It was my first game of that World Cup. Argentina versus Hungary. A big match. I hadn't been able to see Argentina training because it was private and I was unfamiliar with several players. Our commentary position was poor: low down, at the back and behind glass.

"If all that wasn't bad enough, Argentina's shirts were such that the numbers were practically indecipherable. Ron Greenwood was sitting beside me and I said to him that for the first time I didn't think I was going to get through the commentary. I was lucky several times, guessing the player and being correct."

*The 1978 World Cup Finals — Argentina (stripes) v Hungary and a nightmare for John Motson.*

# 'There is too much soccer on T.V.'

says JOHN MOTSON

on T.V. survey (November 22nd issue). "I was extremely flattered considering the poll was so well received and that SHOOT is the most widely-read football magazine in the country," he said.

The television companies have been under fire recently from many quarters, notably the Football League managers and chairmen. The feeling is that television has outstayed its welcome.

"Being honest, I'd have to say there is too much soccer on T.V. Under the old system we did two games on Saturdays, with ITV majoring on one match on Sundays, with highlights from two others.

"Suddenly the whole thing's

football has been a boost."

The big clubs feel television gets soccer on the cheap. Each of the 92 clubs receives £25,000 each per year; the Liverpools and Forests believe they'd be better off with less T.V. and more sponsorship.

"The contract is worth around £2.5 million a year and we don't dictate how the money should be

want to wear sponsors' names on their shirts on T.V.

"There's inconsistency. Other sports have the sponsors' name in evidence, but the BBC Charter lays down certain laws and we have to abide by them."

On the other talking point of the moment, the switch-around, Motson said: "People were used





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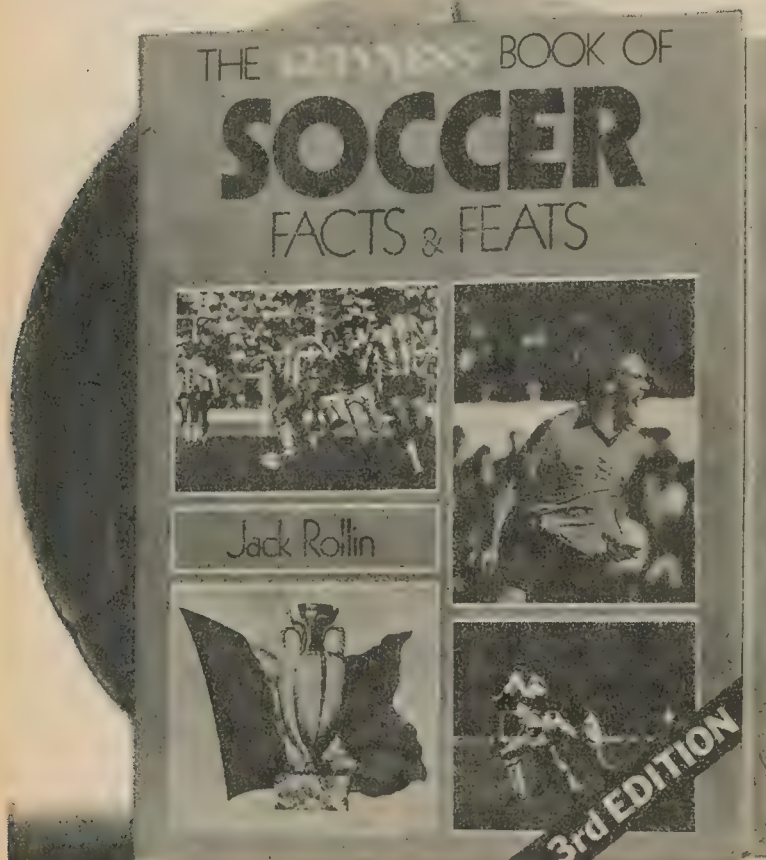
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# GRAY'S A GRAFTER NOW

**F**IVE years ago, the doctors told Eddie Gray that he was finished as a footballer. Now, at 32, he's enjoying playing as much as ever — and has no thoughts of retiring.

He says: "I'm really enjoying my football. People keep saying the game has changed, that it's not so attractive these days. But I don't think it has changed that much and there are still some smashing players around."

Gray himself is still a stylish player to watch. His fine balance, smooth control and accurate passing are a lesson for any young player. And he's still capable of making an exciting burst down the left wing to set up a winning goal.

Yet when Allan Clarke first returned to Leeds as manager this season, he switched Gray to left-back.

"Allan asked me if I would give it a go in defence and I was happy to help out. At the time, I thought it might be a permanent move but I'm glad it didn't work out.

"I prefer it in midfield because I'm more involved in the game.

## Neglect

"If I want to make a forward run from midfield, it's no problem. But when you're playing full-back you have to think twice because you can't neglect your defensive duties for a second unless someone is covering.

"I would have stayed there if that's what Allan had wanted. But I feel I'm more use in midfield."

Clarke has made quite a few changes since returning to Elland Road. One of the first things he did was to step up the training programme, claiming the players were hopelessly unfit.

Gray didn't mind the extra work and says: "Since Allan came back as manager, there's been a general feeling around the place that we're about to pick up as a club again.

"All we really need now is consistency. Leeds are not a club you expect to see struggling in the relegation zone but we have been for the past couple of seasons.

"The way I look at things, the only answer to that is hard work. You have to graft your way out of trouble and that's what the manager wants us to do."

Clarke made it clear from the start that initially, the only thing that would matter would be results.

He said: "I'm not looking for entertaining football. I'm looking for points."

It sounded like Don Revie, under whom Clarke and Gray played in the successful 60's at Elland Road. Since then, the club have had a tough time of it and it's been suggested that Leeds might have done better to pick a manager

from within when Revie left.

Says Gray: "It might have been a good idea in terms of continuity. But you can never tell how it would have turned out. We're just happy Allan Clarke is here now."

Gray was out of football for three months in 1975 after being told that he ought to quit because of a serious leg injury. But he decided to give it one more go on the suggestion of Jimmy Armfield.

"The rest must have done the trick because I didn't feel any pain when I started playing again and I've never felt a twinge from that day.

"I don't intend to quit for a while yet. When this season is over, I'll still have another two years of my contract to run and with reasonable luck, I expect to see them out. Things naturally get harder as you get older but I still manage to get through a game."

Although everyone expects Allan Clarke to run Leeds the way Don Revie did, Gray warns about classifying him as a carbon copy of the former England boss.

"Allan is very much his own man. He has his own ideas and is a manager in his own right. He'll continue to do things his way."

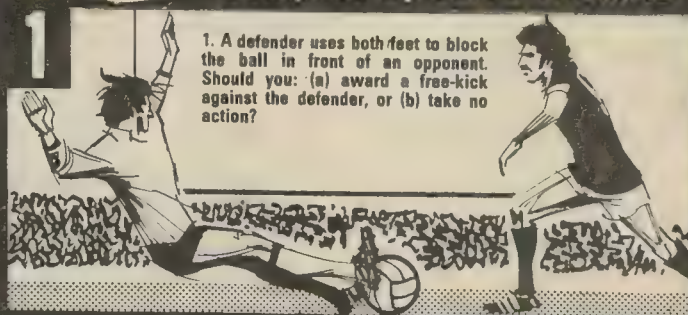
Clarke has promised Gray a job coaching the youngsters when he finally decides to hang up his boots.

Says Gray: "That would be nice because I've always enjoyed working with the youngsters. But that's too far ahead to look at the moment. By then, I may even be thinking about going into management myself."



# YOU ARE THE REF

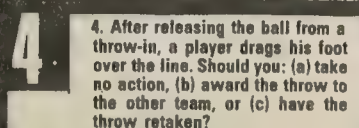
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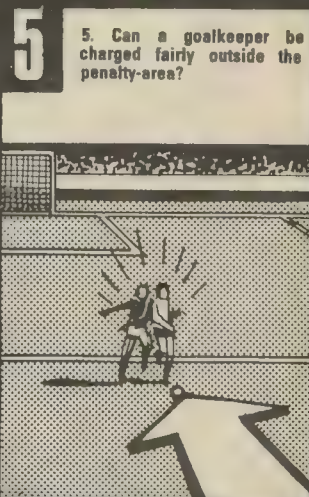
2. A player about to head the ball inside the penalty-area is nudged in the back by an opponent. Should you award: (a) an indirect free-kick, or (b) a penalty?



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3. The neutral linesman fails to arrive for a Football League match. The home team offer their substitute as a replacement. In view of the situation, should you accept such an offer?



## ANSWERS

1. Take no action (b). 2. A penalty (b). 3. No. In a couple of League games this season referees have been injured, and as soon as this has happened they have asked the home club to make an appeal for a qualified official who may be in the crowd. He will then take over the linesman's job, with the senior linesman replacing the injured ref. 4. Take no action (a). 5. Yes.



**D**AMAGED ankle ligaments suffered in pre-season training ... an attack of tonsillitis which caused me to lose more than a stone in weight ... then an operation on my Achilles tendon, or rather the sheaves surrounding it.

Quite a disastrous hat-trick of problems which have resulted in me missing all the season so far for United, except that one League game against rivals Manchester City.

Just when it seemed I was well on the way to recovering from the ankle injury and gaining strength after my illness I broke down again and was rushed into hospital for an operation.

Fortunately, the tendon hadn't snapped as in Trevor Francis' case. Fibrous tissue around the tendon had to be scraped away from the area.

and I had exactly the same operation but on the other leg. Unfortunately the wound became infected and I was sidelined for many months.

Thank goodness I'm completely in the clear this time. My leg wasn't even put into plaster.

No crutches, either. I was able to limp out of the hospital, which has amazed some people in the game.

At the moment I'm back in light training, doing muscle building exercises.



It's far too early to put a definite date on my return, but it should be around Christmas.

With so many of the first team players out of action there have been many black spots for United this season.

But it hasn't been all gloom for the club and fans. At least this has given players such as Kevin Moran, Mike Duxbury and Niki Jovanovic the opportunity to come in and prove themselves.

When everyone is fit and back in action the quality of the squad will be so much stronger.

The fact United are still very much in contention for the Championship despite our injury problems confirms our strength in depth and the spirit and character of the lads at Old Trafford.

Manager Dave Sexton must be delighted with the way his

"reserves" have performed.

I've already welcomed Garry Birtles to United. The arrival of the £1 million England striker from Forest meant the departure of young Andy Ritchie to Brighton, United's opponents at the Goldstone Ground this Saturday (November 22nd).

It had been on the cards Andy would be on his way since last season, when he rejected a move to Aston Villa.

At the time Andy said he felt he had a future at Old Trafford and was determined to establish himself at the club.

Despite some fine performances for the first team it became clear his opportunities would be severely restricted when Dave Sexton went in for Garry Birtles.

Although Andy is a fine prospect, no manager can afford to pass up the chance of buying an established

# 'MY HAT-TRICK OF DISASTERS'

The surgeon told me the condition would take forever to heal without the operation.

The injury was caused in training. I was trying to safeguard the ankle which had been damaged and put too much weight on my other foot.

I spent a week in Rochdale hospital and would like to take this opportunity of thanking the doctors and nurses who attended me — even those who asked for my autograph when I was in no fit state to oblige.

Before the operation I had a pre-med, which quickly sent me into a state of relaxed limbo. The last thing I remember before going under was a nurse asking me to sign my name on a scrap of paper.

Then, as I was regaining consciousness after the operation, another nurse was bending over me with autograph book and pen.

According to the doctor I did oblige and even managed to ask if she wanted it dedicated to anyone!

## Operation

I only had the staff to worry about, though. The club had kept news of my operation very quiet so no fans were aware I was in hospital.

I did have a few visitors. Yvonne came in regularly, so did United's physiotherapist Laurie Brown, my pal Joe Jordan and former Old Trafford star Paddy Crerand.

Lying in bed all day meant lots of TV and reading. No heavy stuff mind you. I managed to finish J.P.R. Williams' autobiography and McYicar, the story of the infamous criminal and jailbreaker which is now a great film.

I also read lots of golfing magazines ... and SHOOT, of course.

I'm not the best of patients I'm afraid. I get very ratty and irritable. Still, at least I won't be out of the game for as long as I was the last time I had an Achilles tendon injury.

That was in my Leeds United days



**ABOVE:** Michael Robinson, who will be keen to impress with Brighton.  
**RIGHT:** Relaxing with Niki Jovanovic, who filled in so well for Gordon at United until he too was injured recently.





international striker of Garry's class. Naturally I wish Andy well at the Goldstone Ground, but was a little surprised he agreed to a move there. I'd have thought he would have waited for one of the big glamour clubs, with the resources to almost guarantee the success he wanted.

Still, that's not my business. Andy obviously feels he will be happy down by the seaside. He's certainly playing for a very ambitious manager, which is vital for any player.

Young Andy has loads of talent and will score goals, providing he's given the same sort of service he received at United.

But talent isn't everything, especially for a striker joining a struggling team. Apart from goalkeeper it's probably the worst position on the field to establish yourself in.

There's another Manchester con-

nection at Brighton, of course, Michael Robinson a recent buy from City.

The pair will be trying extra hard to impress against United, especially Andy who will be all out to prove Dave Sexton wrong.

Brighton are having a terrible run at the moment. Confidence is rock bottom.

But there's a lot of skill in a side strengthened by Ritchie and Robinson, and they're certainly capable of springing a surprise or two.

The Seagulls desperately need the points to lift themselves away from the danger zone at the foot of the First Division. So do United but for a different reason.

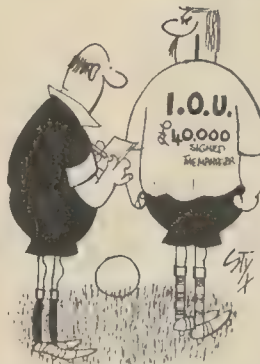
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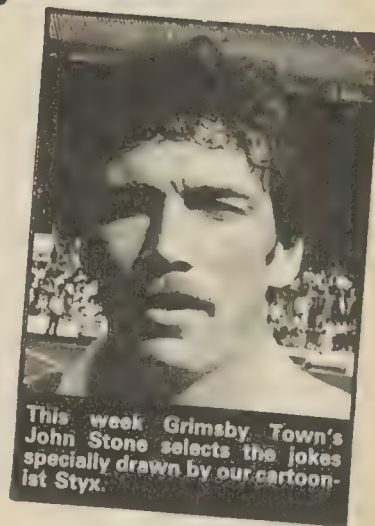
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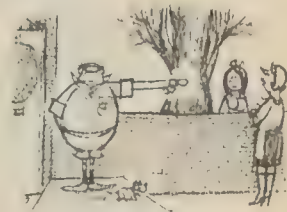
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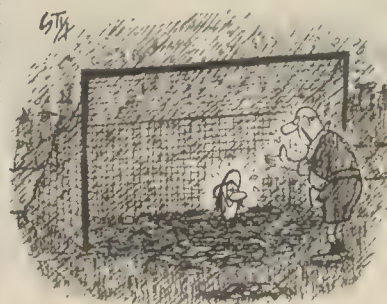
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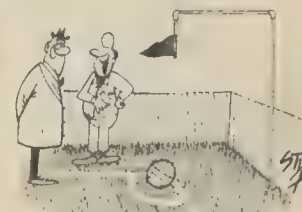
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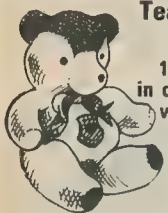
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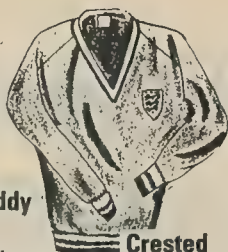


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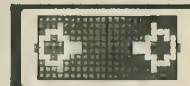
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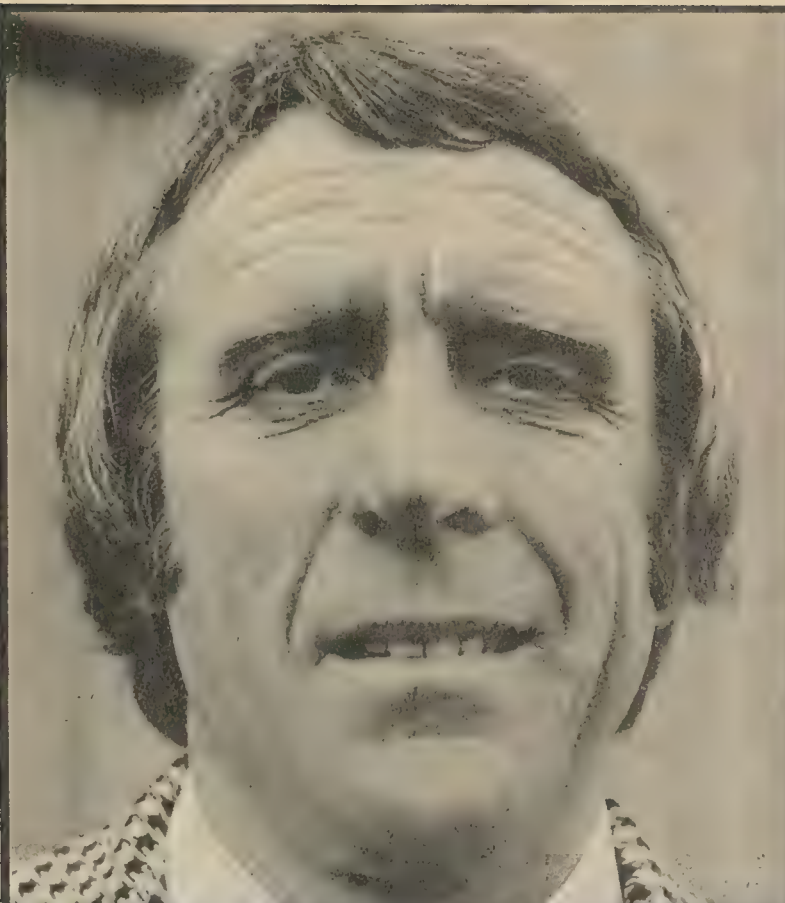
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## Hereford nightmare

**E**VER since Frank Lord took over the managerial reigns at struggling Hereford United, life has been one long nightmare.

"But it will come right," says Lord (above). "I'm not one for making excuses. I can't accept that. It concerns us here collectively."

"We're trying all we can. The directors and the supporters deserve a football team. It's a smashing little set-up and everybody's working to that aim. We seem to be drawing a blank at the moment, but you can only try to improve."

"We didn't start the season off badly and we've been playing reasonably well at home, but our away form, to put it mildly, has been diabolical. We haven't strung two decent passes together on opponents' grounds."

"We've had injuries. Eight or nine players have been missing with broken legs and ligament troubles."

"Those we expected to go into the team and do well, like Jimmy Harvey, Tommy Hughes, Paul Gilchrist and Mel Pejic, have all been sidelined."

"We're struggling at the moment. It's like banging a cricket bat against your head."

In the early 70's Hereford shook the soccer world as they climbed from Southern League football to the dizzy heights of the Second Division. But the last four seasons have seen the Edgar Street club slide to the murky depths of having to apply for re-election last June.

Lord took over from Mike Bailey in an attempt to stop the rot.

"I'm not going to have a go at people who were here before me," he says. "They probably did a good job, but I thought it needed re-shaping and sorting out and, while I'm here, that policy will continue."

"I've signed seven players since I arrived and there's not a lot of money to spend, as people can appreciate."

"I've tried to secure a couple of players from Poland. The reason is they are cheaper than they are here. But they can't speak English, so you're snookered again. Give them a rollicking and they don't understand you. Even so, I haven't given up the idea."

### 'Problems'

"I've got Fred Binney and Ian Greaves here. With the experience we have, if we can't get it right between us, then we've got a problem. But we've all got problems in management."

"I can't blame the players, because they're doing everything humanly possible. The spirit is good. But with all these injuries it's not easy."

"Pete Spiring has been playing with a broken toe and I've had one player playing with measles. You've just got to accept these things and press on and try to get them right."

"I stand or fall by what I do. I don't want to be a Bobby Robson, a Don Howe or a Brian Clough. I want to be Frank Lord."

The only thing I can fault here is that we're not putting the results together. Everybody's in the same frame of mind. We want to win."

# CONN'S LEARNING THE OTHER SIDE OF SOCCER

**F**ORMER Rangers and Celtic star Alfie Conn is discovering the harsher side of Scottish soccer these days as he tries to help Hearts in their fight for Premier Division survival.

For the 28-year-old Conn, who has a clutch of Scottish Cup and League Championship medals won in his days with both sides of the rival Old Firm, isn't chasing honours any longer.

He admits: "What we have to do at Tynecastle this season is hold on to our place in the Top Ten. That is the most important thing of all for everybody connected with the club."

Conn knows that the football life he leads now in the basement of the Premier Division is a far cry from his heady days at Ibrox and Parkhead. He realises, too, that the First Division would simply emphasise the gap between the top teams in the country and the others.

"One of the hardest things to get used to is going to some grounds and finding just 4,000 people there to watch the game," he tells you.

### 'Atmosphere'

"I was talking about that with Alex MacDonald the other day. He was with me when I was at Ibrox and he joined Hearts this year too. We have always been used to big crowds and a tremendous atmosphere. It's not easy to adjust to that."

"But I know that I have to, just as the other lads do. We have struggled at times but we have been unlucky too. Twice we lost points because of last minute goals. Dundee United did it to us at Tannadice when they equalised and then Partick Thistle repeated that at Tynecastle. That meant valuable points lost, and we can't afford that."

"Our biggest problem is get-

*Alfie Conn (dark shirt) takes on Dave Smith of Berwick.*

ting results at home. We have done reasonably well away from Tynecastle then we have frozen in our matches there."

"It's a tragedy for the boss, Bobby Moncur, and his coach Tony Ford. They have worked hard and the gaffer is a tremendous motivator — but they haven't had any breaks. We haven't performed as well as we should have in certain games."

Conn made a personal mistake, too, early in the season, one which had him sidelined for a month. He took a leg knock, but after being told he should rest for a week or two decided to risk it.

He explains: "I didn't want to let Bobby Moncur down, because I knew he wanted experienced players in the side. But I wasn't 100 per cent ready and put myself back because of that."

The sad thing about the team not doing so well is that everyone reckons that, potentially, Hearts have the largest support available in the country outside the Old Firm. It would be great to get that kind of support back."

It would bring a more familiar look to Tynecastle for Conn's father, Alfie senior, who was a member of the great Hearts' team of the early 50's. It delighted him that young Alfie, after spells with Rangers, Spurs, Celtic and in the States, should eventually wind up at Tynecastle. For others, though, young Alfie remains the man to be jeered.

He shakes his head ruefully and says: "I don't think the Rangers' fans will ever forgive me for coming back to Scotland and signing for Celtic. They gave me terrible stick at Ibrox when I went on there as a sub."

"It worries me a little, but not enough to upset my form. The way I see it is that if they are booing me then maybe they are doing that because they are frightened of what I might do."





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This week's Star Letter comes from Gordon Boreland of Belfast, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

## LET ATTACKING TEAMS BENEFIT

★ WITH the chairmen of the football clubs meeting to discuss soccer problems, I remembered a new system of League points which was advocated by Bill Nicholson a few years ago.

The system was as follows: ten points for a win, five points for a draw, and one point for every goal scored. To Mr Nicholson's system, I would add one modification. That is, for away teams to be given one point for the first goal they score and two points per goal thereafter. For example, the result Coventry 3 Brighton 3 would give the home team eight points while giving Brighton ten.

While this new system would not change the positions in the First Division dramatically (up to and including 25th October) it most benefits Everton, Aston Villa and Tottenham, with Ipswich and Sunderland coming after them. Arguably these are the most entertaining sides in the First Division at the moment, especially away from home.

The teams which do not benefit are Arsenal, Norwich and Crystal Palace. Maybe this system would discourage Arsenal from giving tedious displays, as they did at Old Trafford and Anfield.

Efficient performances might then hopefully be replaced by entertaining football.

● Anything which encourages attacking football must be considered. I wouldn't like to see points being handed out like confetti, though. Somehow, it would seem strange for a team to have 197 points and still be in mid-table. Maybe one point was overlooked by the chairmen: the fear that three-up, three-down puts into teams.

## More good than bad

I WAS relieved to read the special report on The Good Side of Soccer in SHOOT.

I was beginning to think that nobody would ever write something good about soccer.

I know that football has hit a bit of a slump, but not to the degree some reporters make out.

In my opinion the good points of soccer outweigh the bad points.

MARTIN MURRAY,  
DUBLIN.

● I agree, but unless the problems are talked about nothing can be done about them.

## No Coke

I WENT to see Celtic and to the best of my knowledge it's all right to bring a small can of Coke into any ground. I took my nephew, who is four years old and officials took his can of Coke from him outside Parkhead.

They say "bring the family along," but when something like this happens and people are drinking all over the ground how do you tell a kid about these habits?

BRIAN SMITH,  
CASTLEMILK.

● Sadly, the majority of true fans always have to suffer because of the mindless minority.



Argentina captain Daniel Passarella.

## Pen-Pal

I AM a 14-year-old boy and I should like pen pals, in England and Scotland, to exchange souvenirs.

RENE DONS,  
CLEYBURCHSTRAAT 52b,  
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HOLLAND.

## 500 up for Cambridge

WHEN Cambridge United won 2-1 at Cardiff City they gained their 500th League point in only their 11th season in the Football League.

They have accumulated these points in three Divisions:

Division	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
4	112	86	78	310
3	36	21	35	93
2	32	33	31	97
	180	140	144	500

PAUL HOWE,  
WATERBEACH.

● When you consider the capacity of the Abbey Stadium is just 12,000 and United are still a relatively new League club, they have done exceptionally well. If every club was as well run soccer's finances would be in a better way.



Cambridge (light strip) have gained 500 League points in just 11 seasons.

## Unfair — or just honest?

I WAS intrigued, yet disgusted, after reading Argentina's Daniel Passarella's comments in a recent World Wide.

It is sad to think a defender of Passarella's stature and ability will openly admit he would foul a forward by any means, rather than let him dribble past.

If Argentina won the last World Cup captained by a player with such unprofessional ideas, let us hope the next country to win the trophy will play fair and square.

CHARLES FAITH,  
TORQUAY.

● Perhaps Passarella was just being more honest than others. People in glasshouses shouldn't throw stones and until the British game is rid of hatchet men (professional fouls, tackles from behind, etc.) we shouldn't criticise other players for doing exactly the same.

## Players' attitude

YOUR special report on The Good Side of Soccer annoyed me a little. You stated that it was rubbish to say that player behaviour was not related to violence. Rugby League and cricket were both quoted in order to make the point.

May I suggest that it is not the hardness of the game, but the attitude of players which conveys itself to supporters.

Dissent and the emotional outburst of players on the pitch, I believe, contribute to crowd misbehaviour. The raised fist to the crowd is an example. Rugby and cricket players in general do not behave in this way.

J. LIGHTFOOT,  
WIRRAL.

● If Rugby League stars and cricketers played for the sort of money footballers do, their attitudes would no doubt change. Anyway, certain cricketers were not exactly a credit to their sport in 1980.

## Nine times better?

SINCE England has approximately nine times the population of Scotland, England should have nine times as many good players. Following that, nine times as many good football teams. Does England, therefore, have 90 teams (without all Anglo-Scots) of Premier Division standard?

GILLIAN WILSON,  
GLASGOW.

● By that reckoning China should be unbeatable.

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## Scottish clubs in F.A. Cup

Is it true Scottish clubs once competed in the English F.A. Cup?

MAIR MACDONALD,  
CRIEFF

● Yes, a handful did many years ago. Mair — and some didn't do too badly, either.

In fact, Queen's Park were actually beaten finalists in 1884 and 1885 — losing each time to Blackburn Rovers — while Rangers were Semi-Finalists in 1887.

## Record goals

What is the highest number of goals scored in a Football League match?

STEPHEN WHEELER,  
NUNEATON

● Seventeen it is, Stephen — and that's a total I don't ever see being beaten.

The actual scoreline was Tranmere 13, Oldham 4 — in a Third Division (North) game on 26th September, 1935.

"Bunny" Bell scored nine of Tranmere's goals to set up a new individual League record.

But it only lasted less than four months till the following 13th April — when Joe Payne banged in ten in Luton's 12-0 Third Division (South) win over Bristol Rovers.

Goals-wise, those were the days...

## Wins at Anfield

Is it true our Birmingham clubs, City and Villa, both won at Anfield in the same season not long ago?

JOHN BATES,  
SOLIHULL

● It is, John — in the 1977-78 season. Villa won away at Liverpool by 2-1 on 5th November; and then Birmingham had a 3-2 victory there on 21st January.

No such luck, though, for near-neighbours Wolves and West Brom — both were beaten at Anfield that term.

## SHORT PASSES

● The first of Bobby Charlton's record 49 goals for England was in the 4-0 Hampden defeat of Scotland on 19th April, 1958.

(JOHN HANNON, Bushy)

● Numbering of players in Football League matches was first made compulsory in 1939.

(MICHAEL SHARP, Penzance)

● Arsenal's Steve Gattin is a brother of Middlesex and England cricketer Mike Gattin.

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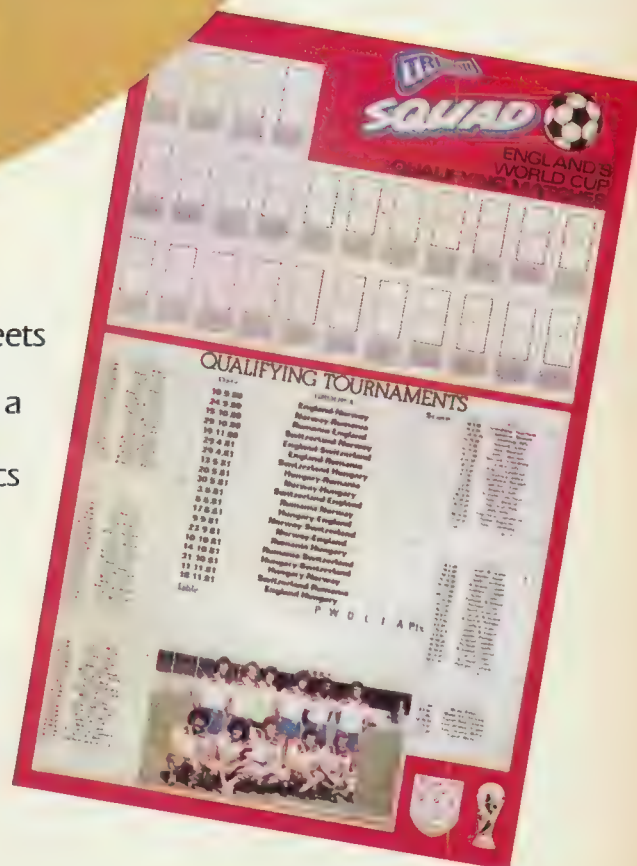
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# 'English players ridiculously underpaid'

says **LAURIE CUNNINGHAM**

**L**AURIE Cunningham is comfortably installed in an armchair, taking stock of his season-and-a-half in Spanish football. His Real Madrid team-mates are milling around, and Yugoslav manager Vujadin Boskov stops to remind them that their pre-match steak and salad is less than half-an-hour away.

Despite the attentions of autograph-hunters and the background hubbub, Laurie talks easily, confidently and — one can't help thinking — a good deal more fluently than the rather introverted player who made his name with Orient and West Brom.

'Yes, I've got a lot more confidence these days. My second sea-

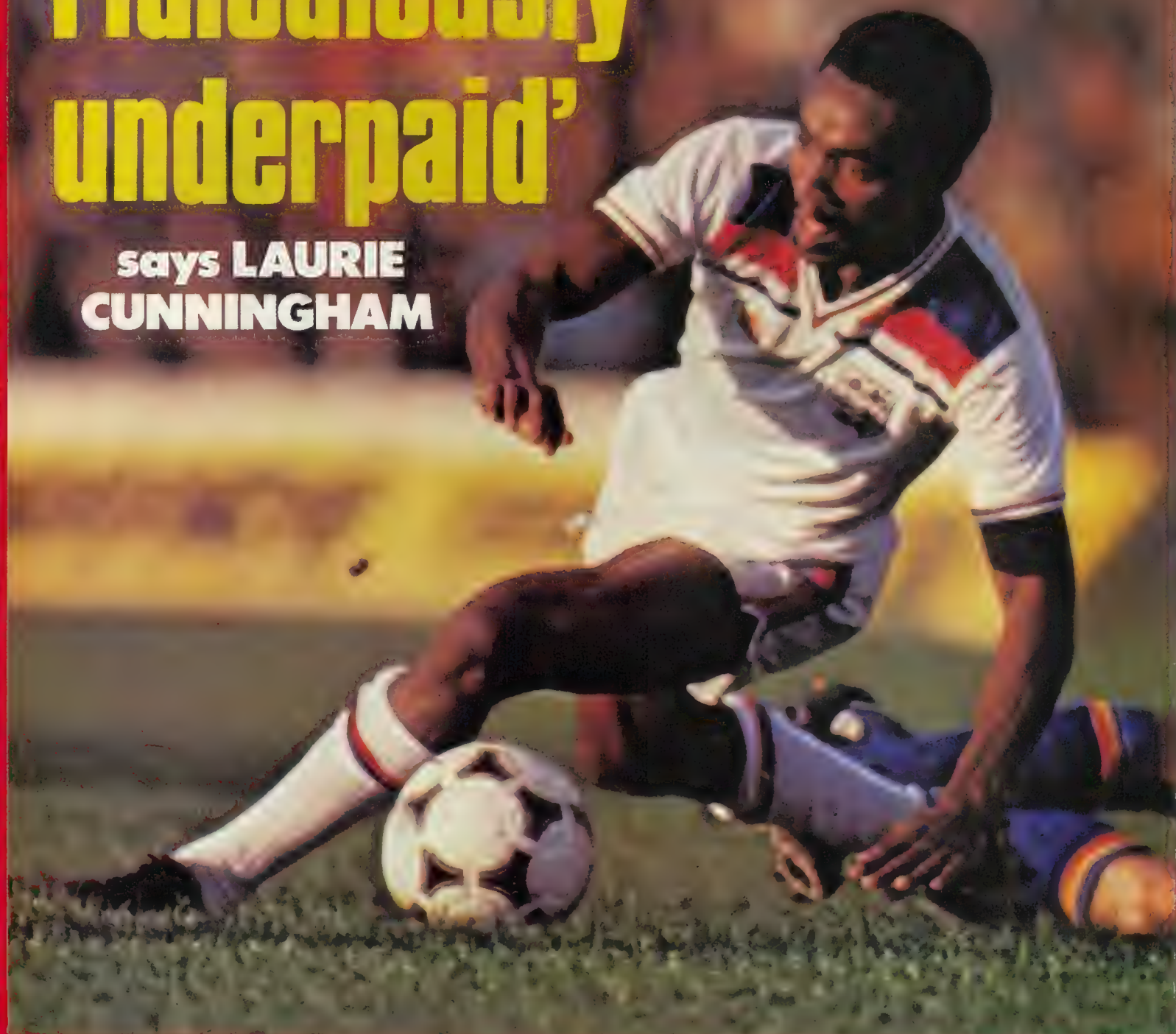
son in Spain has started well for me, and I feel I'm on the way to becoming the sort of player I want to be. I've got used to man-for-man marking now.

'I found it was easier for the markers when I played as an out-and-out winger, so I've begun to cover the whole front of the attack, drawing off defenders so that our midfield men and full-backs can come through.

'And apart from that I feel happier now that I can speak the language and work out a really good relationship with the rest of the squad.'

After a Spanish League and Cup double last season, plus a European Cup Semi-Final, it's ironic that Laurie's development as a class player has passed largely unnoticed in... Britain.

'Yes, I get a fair amount of international projection in the Euro-





pean media, and I got a good press on our tour in Venezuela and Colombia, but in England my name has disappeared from the papers.

"I suppose the problem is that — unlike Kevin Keegan for example — I wasn't an established international when I came out here, and of course people simply don't see me play, which doesn't help!"

In the meantime, Laurie's sporadic appearances in the England team haven't exactly established him as an automatic first-choice.

"I think I've got a future in the England team. I don't think anybody else does, but I do!"

"Basically, if the chance comes along, I've got to make sure I take it. People don't take into account how nervous a player can get when he's trying to make the grade in the national team.

"I've been so screwed up that I haven't shown up particularly well — and it seems that if you don't produce the goods in the first couple of games, you're out.

"I won't pretend that I was overjoyed by our trip to Rumania, and I was bitterly disappointed when some of the lads started saying 'a draw will do us nicely'.

"I feel very strongly that this isn't the right attitude. A draw would have been a decent result, but playing for one is a different matter. I won't say any more, because this is my personal opinion and I don't want to be accused of talking out of turn.

"Having said that, I think people who say there are no world-class players in England are talking rubbish. I'd say there are a hell of a lot in fact. It's just a question of find-

ing the right atmosphere for these players to express themselves.

One begins to wonder if Laurie, as the only English player in Spain, feels too isolated from the British game.

"No, there's nothing I really miss. I still see my friends and family from time to time, and my brother's just been out for a while.

"I knew before I came that there would have to be drastic changes in my life-style. I came looking for new experiences after seven years in the English League, and I've certainly come into a totally different kind of football.

"Here it's much quicker, more skilful. And, as it's a short-ball game, there's a lot more running to do. If you don't run, the fans are on your back straight away, and that was a big surprise.

### 'Work-rate'

"I had thought the Spaniards would respond to ball skills, but in fact they seem to prefer the 'work-rate' type of player.

"As for life out here in general, well, it's fantastic. I've just moved into a modern house on a development just outside Madrid, so the dogs have more room to run around. A lot of them!

"Nicki has set herself up as a freelance beautician, so she's travelling a bit more and really enjoying herself."

Cynically, perhaps, one wonders how far Laurie's earnings of around £130,000 last season have contributed to his cheerful confidence. "Yes, last season was very good financially, and here you feel that you're being rewarded for

your efforts on the park. People keep moaning about the players' high wages in England, but I don't think English players realise exactly how much they're being exploited.

"I was talking to Tony Woodcock about this, and he agrees completely. He said that German players find it hard to believe how little English clubs pay.

"I find it incredible that people believe a highly-paid player will get too flamboyant and not do his job on the field. It's the exact opposite, I promise you. You want to work for the team and do well for the team.

"At the moment I'd say there's an atmosphere of discontent in England because the players are being poorly paid in comparison with other countries. The high transfer fees have done nobody

any good — I mean, show me an English club that's built swimming-pools and tennis courts for the community, like Real have."

Financial security, success, titles... obviously Laurie wouldn't hesitate to recommend a Spanish adventure to his fellow players.

"Well, not necessarily. It depends a lot on the individual player. I was keen to gain broader experience, but I get the impression that most British players would sooner stay at home.

"But, yes, if the player wanted a move, I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it. You learn about another kind of football, other people, another country — it can be a worthwhile experience not only as a footballer, but also in your development as a person."

GRAHAM TURNER

Laurie in action for Real against Valencia.



**"I'm more aggressive. I cover more ground. I've learnt more skills. I've gained a lot of international experience. I'm really getting my game together. In fact I'm a much better player now. What I haven't had is the chance to prove my point to the people back in Britain."**





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**I**t was a day to remember for 12-year-old David Hobbs, from Merriot in Somerset when he visited the Nottingham Forest ground recently to meet Trevor Francis.

David was First Prize winner of the SHOOT/ADIDAS competition featured in our 16th August issue.

Apart from spending the day with the England superstar and his new Forest team-mate Peter Ward (right), David was shown around the City Ground, and received a full Adidas Nottingham Forest replica kit and a pair of Trevor's Silverline boots.

# A DAY OUT WITH TREVOR



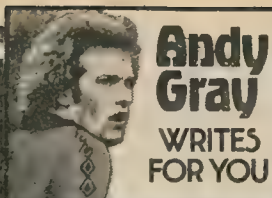
Trevor Francis and SHOOT editor Peter Stewart give David a helping hand with the European Cup (main picture).

"How's that for size?" . . . in the home team dressing room (right).

Pedal power . . . David tries out the special cycle machine design to help build up leg muscles (left).

Graham Sidebotham of Adidas presents David with his other prizes (above).





# 'Glad

If you want a good bet for the title from the Midlands, West Brom and Aston Villa are the area's best chances of success, although Villa are probably the only club with realistic hopes of being Champions.

Midlands clubs are having mixed fortunes, but Albion's form so far was brought up when I bumped into their manager Ron Atkinson the other week.

He reminded me of something I wrote in an August column, where I said I didn't want Wolves to do what West Brom had done: have one good season and not build on it.

In fact, I just used Albion as a comparison — I meant nothing detrimental to the club. They're now back to where they were a couple of seasons ago and are looking good.

I don't know why they disappointed last season — perhaps they went through the sort of 'hangover' Wolves are having this time round. We met West Brom early on and outplayed them, even though we only drew. Since then they've put

*"I have the utmost respect for Aston Villa, and would love to see them gain success. Young Gary Shaw (centre) could help them in that aim."*



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# to see Villa doing well'

their game together and are on the fringe of the title contenders, although I think they will miss out in the final run-in.

Their defence has been together for two or three years, while goalkeeper Tony Godden doesn't receive the credit he deserves. In midfield they're strong, with young Remi Moses making his presence felt, while up front Cyrille Regis is always likely to explode. Cyrille, a smashing fellow and a good pal of mine, has been criticised for not being involved in the game for the full 90 minutes. When he's in possession, though, running at a defence he's lethal.

I'm pleased to see Villa doing so well. I have the utmost respect for the club and its supporters, and I want to see them gain success.

This may surprise a few of you in view of my desire to leave the club last year. I was unhappy for various reasons. I didn't feel my career was progressing and I thought I'd have a better chance of success elsewhere.

That I won a League Cup winners' medal with Wolves was most satisfying, but didn't necessarily mean I'd made my point. I'm happy to be with Wolves and Villa are happy I've gone.



ABOVE: "Resting my injured knee ligaments with my wife Vanessa." LEFT: "It's good to see that Frank Worthington is having such a fine season for our Midlands neighbours Birmingham City."

If Villa DO win something I'll put up my hands and say I was wrong. At the moment they're playing as well as anyone in the country, but to use an old cliché... there's a long way to go yet.

I wonder if Villa have the staying power? Still, they're playing some first-class football, home and away, and they've impressed me greatly.

Manager Ron Saunders said this was the best team he's had in six years. My own view — and if you said I was biased I couldn't really argue — is that the 1977 League Cup-winning team was better. Only injuries prevented us from winning the League and League Cup double that season.

That side had everything and we played the best football I've ever seen.

## Worries

Villa's neighbours, Birmingham City, have settled down quietly and shouldn't have any worries about a quick return to Division Two. They have a good blend of youth and experience — in Mark Dennis and Kevin Dillon they have two of the best young players in the country.

Goalkeeper Jeff Wealds is much underrated and it's good to see Frank Worthington having such a good season.

Coventry seem destined to have the same sort of season they always have: inconsistent, losing at home and then winning at Old Trafford.

Their ability to find outstanding young players never ceases to amaze me, but Sky Blues don't seem to be able to hold on to their stars.

I was pleased to see Bobby McDonald move to Manchester City. Bobby is a friend of mine and I know how frustrated he was becoming. City have bought themselves one of the best left-backs around.

To say I was surprised to hear Forest had lost 4-1 in the League Cup at Watford is an understatement. Not so much the defeat — the scoreline. I was amazed that a team built on not conceding goals had conceded four to a Second Division side, and I mean no disrespect to Watford.

Even so, it would be wrong to write-off Forest. They're rebuilding, yet they're still handily placed in the table.

## Strong

I must confess I have reservations about the new strike-force of Ian Wallace and Peter Ward. Neither is particularly strong in the air and it seems strange that in John Robertson, Forest have the best crosser of the ball in England, possibly Europe.

And Wolves? Our season has been a nightmare from the word 'go'. I'm absolutely sick and I hope all the players are. We've had changes forced upon us almost every week, although we should still have done better.

We may not have had much luck, but you make your own luck in football. We'll just have to roll up our sleeves and work hard. The management saved the club from relegation last year; now it's up to the players to show what we can do.

I can't begin to say how disappointed I am at being sidelined. Just when things were going well, a freak training accident put me back to square one.

A young trialist 'keeper dived at my feet — a complete accident — and I had all my weight on the leg he collided with. I've never known so much pain — for three or four minutes I was in agony.

The leg was quickly put in plaster although I'm hopeful that the torn ligaments may not be as bad as originally thought and I'll be back before Christmas. Just about the only consolation is that I shan't miss any of Scotland's games — our next match isn't until February.

Join me again in a fortnight when I'll be giving my verdicts on the £1 million stars.

*And Goal*







# LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SC

**SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Moran)**  
**ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Morley, Withe)** 21,249  
 Southampton: Katalinic, Golec, Waldron, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, Boyer, Holmes, Moran.  
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson (Dacey), Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowens, Morley.

**SUNDERLAND (0) 0**  
**IPSWICH (1) 2 (Muhren, Brazil)** 32,368  
 Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Allardice, Elliott, Chisholm, Arnott, Rowell, Cooke, Brown, Cummins.  
 Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Butcher, Mills, Osman, Beattie, Werk, Muhren, Mariner (D'Avray), Brazil, Gates.

**TOTTENHAM (1) 4 (Hoddle 2, Archibald 2)**  
**COVENTRY (0) 1 (Goddard)** 25,414  
 Tottenham: Deanes, Smith, Hughton, Miller, Lacey, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Villa, Hoddle, Crooks.  
 Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Gooding, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Blair, Thompson, Bannister (English), Hunt.

**WBA (1) 3 (Regis 2, Brown)**  
**MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0** 15,300  
 WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Trewick, Monaghan (Mills).  
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Angus, McAndrew, Proctor, Burns (Ashcroft), Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.

## Second Division

**BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 (Mabbutt 2)**  
**DERBY (0) 2 (Wilson, Emson)** 12,020  
 Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Hay, Ritchie, Whitehead, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Mann (Smith), Tainton, Mabbutt, Garland.  
 Derby: Jones, Emary, Buckley, Powell (B), Osgood, Sheridan, Skivington (Wilson), Clark, Hector, Biley, Emson.



Derby's Paul Emson.

**CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Reilly)**  
**LUTON (1) 3 (Moss (pen), Goodyear, Stein)** 7,218  
 Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Christie.  
 Luton: Findlay, Donaghy, Stephens, Greulich, Goodyear, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood, Moss (Antic).

**CHELSEA (3) 6 (Lee 3, Fillery, Walker, Chivers)**  
**NEWCASTLE (0) 0** 22,916  
 Chelsea: Borota, Nutton, Rofa, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Driver, Fillery, Lee, Walker (Britton), Rhoades-Brown.  
 Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Withe, Martin, Boam, Helli-day, Shinton, Cartwright, Waddle (Koenen), Rafferty, Wharton.

**NOTTS COUNTY (2) 2 (McCulloch 2)**  
**BLACKBURN (0) 0** 13,500  
 Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Harkouk, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.  
 Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, McKenzie, Garner, Speight, Parkes.

**PRESTON 0**  
**BRISTOL ROVERS 0** 5,807  
 Preston: Tunks, Taylor, O'Riordan, Coleman, Baxter, Blackley, Burns, Doyle (Haselegrave), McGee, Elliott, Bruce.  
 Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bater, McCaffrey, Hughes, Williams, Mabbutt, Cooper, Barrowclough, Bates, Barrett.

**QPR (0) 0**  
**WREXHAM (0) 1 (Vinter)** 9,050  
 QPR: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, McCreary, King, Neal, Langley, Burke (Faraday).  
 Wrexham: Davies, Sathiel, Jones, Davis, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Sutton, McNeil, Vinter, Cartwright.

**SHEFFIELD WED (0) 2 (McCulloch, Mirocevic)**  
**ORIENT (0) 2 (Moore, Chiedozi)** 18,018  
 Sheffield Wed.: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirdiff, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, Sterland, McCulloch (Mellor), Mirocevic.  
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozi, Moore, Mayo, Bowles, Margerrison (Hughton).

**SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Keay (pen), Biggins)**  
**CARDIFF (0) 0** 4,466  
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Tong, Griffin, Keay, Patts, Cross, Biggins, Dungworth, Atkins.  
 Cardiff: Grotier, Jones, Lewis, Pontin, Dwyer, Grapes, Ronson, Buchanan, Bishop, Kitchen, Maddy (Stevens).

**WATFORD (1) 2 (Blissett 2 (1 pen))**  
**OLDHAM (1) 1 (Stainrod)** 10,853  
 Watford: Steele, Henderson, Harrison, Blissett, Sims, Jackett, Poskett, Ward, Jenkins, Train, Roston (Pritchett).  
 Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Blair, Kowenicki (Atkinson), Clements, Hurst, Keegan, Fletcher, Steel, Stainrod, Heaton.

**WEST HAM (1) 2 (Walsh og), Pike)**  
**BOLTON (0) 1 (Kidd)** 25,277  
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Neighbour, Pike.  
 Bolton: Poole, Graham, Burke, Cantello, Jones, Walsh, Reid, Whatmore, Carter, Kidd, Gowing.

## Third Division

**BURNLEY (1) 2 (Dobson (pen), Cavener)**  
**BRENTFORD (0) 0** 7,297

**CHARLTON (2) 2 (Walsh, Hales (pen))**  
**BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Morgan)** 6,838

**CHESTER (0) 0**  
**FULHAM (0) 1 (Davies)** 3,169

**CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Birch)**  
**WALSALL (2) 2 (O'Kelly, Baines)** 10,784

**COLCHESTER 0**  
**ROTHERHAM 0** 2,623

**EXETER (1) 3 (Kellow 2 (1 pen), Pratt)**  
**SWINDON (2) 4 (Mayes, Miller, Rowland 2)** 4,688

**GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Bruce, Westwood)**  
**HULL (0) 0** 4,100

**MILLWALL (1) 1 (McKenna)**  
**SHEFFIELD UTD (3) 4 (Charles, Ryan, Neville, Sitton (og))** 5,261

**NEWPORT (2) 3 (Oakes, Lowndes, Gwyther)**  
**HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Kindon 2 (1 pen))** 5,403

**OXFORD (1) 1 (Cooke)**  
**PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 (Gregory, Barnard)** 6,217

**PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Sims)**  
**BARNLEY (0) 3 (Lester, Riley, Glavin)** 8,911

## Fourth Division

**ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Robinson)**  
**DONCASTER (0) 0** 2,988

**BURY (0) 2 (Hilton, Gore)**  
**BRADFORD (1) 2 (Campbell 2)** 3,281

**CREWE (0) 1 (Guy)**  
**ROCHDALE (0) 0** 3,391

**DARLINGTON (0) 0**  
**SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Mercer, Spence)** 2,013

**HALIFAX 0**  
**HEREFORD 0** 1,288

**LINCOLN (2) 8 (Hobson 4, Harford 2, Shipley 2 (2 pens))**  
**NORTHAMPTON (0) 0** 4,031

**MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Parkinson (pen), Allen)**  
**PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Cooke)** 4,883

**PORT VALE (1) 1 (Bromage)**  
**HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Kerr)** 3,072

**SCUNTHORPE (0) 0**  
**TORQUAY (1) 2 (Wilson, Fell)** 2,254

**WIGAN (1) 1 (Quinn)**  
**TRANMERE (0) 1 (Lumby)** 5,421

**WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Hodges, Cork, Kay (og))**  
**YORK (0) 0** 2,081

## Scottish Premier

**AIRDRIE (3) 3 (March 2, Thomson)**  
**HEARTS (0) 0** 3,500

**Airdrie:** Martin, Walker, March, Anderson, Roger, McCluskey, McKeown, Gordon, Thomson, Clarke, Russell.

**Hearts:** Brough, Jeffries, McVeigh, Denny, Shields, Bowman (Robinson), Kidd, MacDonald, Gibson (Conn), O'Connor, Robertson.

**CELTIC (2) 4 (McGarvey 2, Nicholas 2 (1 pen))**  
**KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Cramond)** 18,000

**Celtic:** Bonnar, Sneddon, McAdam, McDonald, McGrain, Sullivan, Aitken, Burns, Provan, McGarvey, Nicholas.

**Kilmarnock:** Brown, Robertson, Clarke, McDicken, Coburn, Clark, Mauchlen, Cramond, Doherty (McLean), McBride, Houston.

**DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Sturrock)**  
**ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Strachan, McGhee, Hewitt)** 10,043

**Dundee Utd:** McAlpine, Kirkwood, Kopel, Holt, Hegarty, Narey, Pettigrew, Gibson (Mile), Payne (Ward), Sturrock, Bannan.

**Aberdeen:** Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Bell, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Cowan (Hewitt), McGhee, Jarvis, Scanlon.

**PARTICK (0) 1 (Park)**  
**RANGERS (0) 1 (McAdam)** 14,000

**Partick:** Rough, Murray, Marr, Anderson, Whittaker, Park, Jardine, Watson, Lapsley, Clark (Torrence), O'Hara.

**Rangers:** McCloy, Jardine, Johnstone, Jackson, Miller, McLean (Russell), Bett, Redford, MacDonald, McAdam, Cooper (Forsyth).

**ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Orr (og))**  
**MORTON (0) 1 (Rooney pen)** 7,000

**St. Mirren:** Thomson, Young, Beckett, Richardson, McCormack, Copland, McDougall (Bone), Stark, Somner, Weir, Abercrombie.

**Morton:** Baines, Hayes, Holmes, McLaren, McLaughlin, Orr, Tolmie, Cochrane, Busby, Rooney, Ritchie (McNeil).

## Scottish First

**BERWICK (0) 0**  
**DUNDEE (1) 1 (Sinclair)** 880

**CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Evans, McLaughlin)**  
**FALKIRK (0) 1 (Hay)** 600

**E. STIRLING (1) 2 (Lamont, Rennie)**  
**DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Gallagher)** 550

**HAMILTON (0) 0**  
**ST. JOHNSTONE (2) 3 (Pelusi, Morton (pen), Docherty)** 2,000

**HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Brazil)**  
**AYR (0) 0** 4,500

**RAITH (2) 2 (Ballantyne 2)**  
**MOTHERWELL (0) 0** 2,000

**STIRLING (0) 3 (Kennedy, Duffin, Armstrong)**  
**DUNFERMLINE (2) 3 (McNaughton 2, Donnelly)** 1,100

## Scottish Second

**ALLOA (0) 1 (Holt)**  
**ARBROATH (0) 1 (Miles)** 950

**COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Ferguson, Forrest)**  
**ALBION (1) 1 (Mickle)** 845

**MEADOWBANK (2) 4 (Sproat 2, McAllan 2)**  
**FORFAR (2) 2 (Brash (pen), Clark)** 150

**MONTROSE (0) 1 (Murray)**  
**CLYDE (0) 0** 500

**QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Watt og)**  
**BRECHIN (0) 1 (Campbell)** 910

**STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Hancock)**  
**QoS (1) 1 (Robertson pen)** 400

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# BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday November 22nd

## Arsenal v Everton

EVERTON have a fair record at Highbury in recent years — two wins and three draws in the last 11 League games. This will be the 60th meeting between these two clubs in London, with Arsenal having won 37, Everton 13 and nine drawn.

Everton's most disappointing display at Highbury was probably in December, 1963, when Arsenal hit them for six without reply — Joe Baker (two), Geoff Strong, George Eastham (two pens), and George Armstrong. However, Everton had several reserves in their defence that evening, and proved it was too bad to be true by going on to finish third in the table that season, well above The Gunners.

Last November, Frank Stapleton got both of Arsenal's goals in a 2-0 victory, which incidentally, brought this particular player's total to four against Everton at Highbury in the last five meetings.

Everton's most recent League win at Highbury was in March, 1975 when Martin Dobson and Mike Lyons scored the only goals in the second-half.

## Liverpool v Villa

ANFIELD is a tough spot for any visiting side, and Villa can only point to one win in their last 12 League games there. That victory was three seasons ago when they scored all of the goals — Andy Gray netting one in each half and Frank Carrodus putting through his own-goal to make it 2-1.

In 56 League games between these two clubs at Anfield, Liverpool have won 36, Villa 11 and nine have been drawn.

Villa's finest victory was in November, 1914 when they were leading 5-1 at half-time and looked like running up a record score. However, Liverpool fought back in equally remarkable fashion during the second half and brought the score to an almost respectable 3-5 before Villa's clever winger, Harold Edgley, scored his side's sixth and the final goal of a hectic tussle.

Liverpool had to wait 39 years before they could score six against the Villa at Anfield, and manager Bob Paisley (then left-half) is among those who will still recall that Saturday in October, 1953 when The Reds hammered home five of their goals in a tremendous second-half, after the score had stood at 1-1 at the interval. Billy Liddell, Sammy Smyth 2, Bob Paisley, Jimmy Paine and Danny Blanchflower o.g., were Liverpool's scorers.

The points from Liverpool's last two victories over Villa have clinched the title for them.

## Nottm. Forest v Ipswich

IPSWICH will be hoping that Forest's England striker Trevor Francis is still missing for this game, as it was Forest's £1 million striker who scored both goals in last season's corresponding fixture. The previous season, Martin O'Neill scored the only goal of the game, while in Forest's first season back in Division One, Peter Withe scored all four in Forest's 4-0 victory. With Ipswich still chasing the First Division leadership, it will be vital that they score their first away goals at the City Ground since 1972.



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# 'I'M IN THE POP BUSINESS'

IF there are any readers of this column who are lovers of good music and have yet to tell their parents what they want for Christmas, may I suggest a brand new album that should be in the shops.

No, I'm not talking about any of those trendy young groups who like to blow your eardrums out. It's the new double act of Johnstone and MacDonald!

Yes, that's right . . . yours truly and my Rangers partner John MacDonald have cut an album about Rangers and we hope it sells like hot cakes. Come to think of it, it might also sound like hot cakes!

I'm only joking, of course, but I really enjoyed this venture into the record industry and I must say here and now that we did have a little outside help from Brighton's Gordon Smith.

Gordon helped with the harmony, and although we will never put any pressure on the record sales



of Police, Rod Stewart, Elton John and the other big names, I hope our warblings bring pleasure to our fans . . . especially the tone-deaf ones!

Actually, I'm trying to look on the bright side of life at the moment while I write this column, for I am still reeling after that Anglo-Scottish Cup defeat from English Third Division side Chesterfield last month.

If anyone is expecting a barrage of lame excuses, they can forget it. Chesterfield played better than us on the night and thoroughly deserved their 3-0 victory. It's as simple as that.

I've heard people saying Rangers weren't interested in the Anglo-Scottish Cup and it was a relief to be knocked-out. It's also said that it is a non-event and we wanted to concentrate on winning the Premier Division.

Don't believe it! To say that is to take the credit away from Chesterfield, and that certainly is not fair.

I know Rangers can play better than we did that evening, but the English lads never allowed us to settle and played at a fast and furious pace throughout.

Let me stress Rangers do not even take it easy when we play friendlies. We try to win every game in which we are involved. We represent one of the most famous clubs in the world and nothing but the absolute best is good enough.

John Greig wouldn't be slow to put any slackers in their place, believe me. He wouldn't tolerate any individual not giving 100 per

cent. If anyone thought they could casually stroll through the games against Chesterfield they would be put firmly in their place.

Take it from me, we wanted to win but the English lads played better on the night. Let's face it, we beat Arsenal and Spurs at Ibrox at the start of the season in friendly games yet we couldn't manage that against Chesterfield. No, I think they deserve great credit and I wish them the best of luck in the tournament.

## Praise

It wasn't all bad down South, of course. Our supporters deserve great praise for not getting involved in any sort of trouble.

They watched us lose 3-0 and it must have been as hard for them to swallow as it was for the players, but there was never the merest hint of bother.

Our fans come in for some terrible stick sometimes, but I think they deserve credit whenever they act like sensible supporters. Long may that trend continue.

As far as Rangers are concerned, we will have to find the form with which we started the season. We were knocked out of our stride last month when we were held to a 2-2 draw by Morton at Cappielow. Airdrie, too, came to Ibrox and put up the shutters to get a goalless draw.

Then we dropped another point in a 1-1 draw with Partick Thistle. These games, on top of the 4-1 aggregate defeat from Chesterfield in the Anglo-Scottish Cup, make a fair bit of depressing reading, but anyone who is counting us out at the moment will be in for a shock at the end of the season, especially after our great 3-0 win against Celtic in the League recently.

I tipped us to win the Premier Division . . . and I'm certainly not going back on my word now.

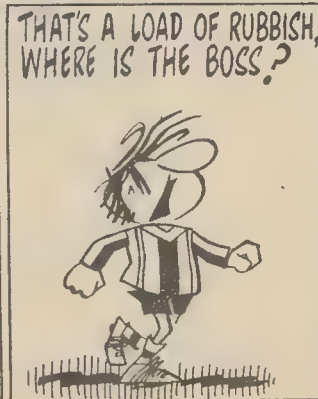
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Chesterfield's Ernie Moss celebrates his goal in the 3-0 Anglo-Scottish Cup victory over Rangers recently.



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## QUICK RETURN

**ARGENTINE** striker Luis Andreucci looks like making a rapid return to Buenos Aires only months after joining Greek club Panathinaikos. Andreucci made an unfortunate gesture to the crowd after scoring a goal; was promptly arrested and charged with "offending public morality".

The offence carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail, so Andreucci has asked the club to release him from his contract so that he can make a quick escape!

## WORLD CUP GO-HEAD

THE Colombian government has finally confirmed that the country will stage the 1986 World Cup Finals.

Initially the Colombian authorities had been unwilling to give the event state financial backing, but now an independent body has been established to "run the organisation of the World Cup on commercial lines", and President Turbay Ayala has now officially confirmed to FIFA that Colombia will host the event.

This should finally end all rumours that Brazil or the USA would stage the 1986 Finals.

## What a match!

THE Spanish Third Division match between Europa and Figueras wasn't exactly the top game in Europe, but it had all the ingredients!

The home team were winning 2-1 at half-time and everything seemed normal.

But after the break, all hell broke loose! The referee showed 13 yellow cards and three red ones; gave two hotly-disputed penalties; awarded Europa a goal after the ball had hit the side-netting; and gave Figueras their equaliser in the 93rd minute after the ball had... rebounded from the crossbar.

**AJAX's 5-1 European Cup defeat by Bayern Munich was the Amsterdammers' 100th European match. Sixty-eight of them were in the European Cup; 30 in the U.E.F.A. Cup and two in the Cup-Winners' Cup. Here, Bayern's Dieter Hoernes (on ground) scores the Bavarians' third goal.**



**INCREDIBLE** to see Real Madrid midfielder Garcia Hernandez at the top of the Spanish goal-charts, ahead of world-class strikers like Mario Kempes, Fernando Morena, Hans Krankl and Allan Simonsen. It's all the more remarkable because the 26-year-old is only... a reserve.

By the way, it's good to see Laurie Cunningham up among the leading scorers.

## NASL tops?

NASL director of public relations Chuck Adams has written to me regarding the table of European Leagues' goals I published not so long ago.

It showed the West German Bundesliga to be the highest-scoring, averaging 3.34 goals per game.

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# Ref swears as Juventus slump again

FOR Liam Brady, the atmosphere of his first Juventus match against Torino in the city derby was certainly an experience, however unfortunate as The Zebras lost 2-1.

The crowds, the hot spirited fans, the sea of black and white flags opposed to the purple, and the smoke of firecrackers made some difference from the more familiar environment of Arsenal-Tottenham at Highbury.

But an experience it was for Liam's new team-mates too!

Apart from having the game spoilt by a couple of crucial decisions from the referee, which could have possibly turned the final result the other way round, the Juventus players complained at the end that signor Agnolin, one of Italy's leading whistlers, had openly promised to give them a rough time, muttering very rough words accompanied by a very rough gesture.

The same words used by a player would definitely prompt a red card. But who can show the

red card to the ref?

However, a couple of days later, signor Agnolin honestly admitted he had used foul language to react to "open provocations" from Bettega and Co.

"I know I was wrong," he said, "and I promise from now on I will only use the cards."

The Italian Referees Board then suspended him for two games.

## TOP TEN

### One win for Juventus

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AS Roma.....	6	4	1	1	9	7	9
Florentina.....	6	2	4	0	5	3	8
Inter.....	6	3	1	2	13	6	7
Catanzaro.....	6	2	3	1	6	4	7
Naples.....	6	2	2	2	8	7	6
Torino.....	6	3	0	3	6	6	6
Cagliari.....	6	2	2	2	7	8	6
Juventus.....	6	1	3	2	5	5	5
Ascoli.....	6	2	1	3	4	8	5
Bologna.....	6	3	3	0	6	2	4

\* Five points deducted

## Argentina lead the world

URUGUAY's national team manager Roque Maspoli reckons that Argentina "are a good six years ahead of the rest of South America in footballing terms".

Maspoli adds that since Menotti took control of the Argentine national team in 1974, their football has been constantly improved and renovated, whereas the Brazilians "have wasted the last decade and gone into a deep state of stagnation".



ARGENTINA played a series of friendlies against European opposition recently and the strange situation is that two of Menotti's first-choice strikers — Leo Laque (left) and Ramon Diaz — have not been regulars with their club, River Plate. Here they are in action for River after coming on as subs.

SINCE the ban on foreign players in Turkey imposed in 1978 attendances at League matches have fallen by 50 per cent. The Turkish F.A. recently asked the Ministry of Sport to lift the ban, which they agreed to do; from next season foreigners will once again be allowed in Turkey.

## News flashes

- A total of 3,017 players have left Yugoslavia for foreign clubs since 1966.
- Six Feyenoord scouts went to Denmark searching for new talent. They saw eight games and around 200 different players... but weren't impressed.



★ Willie van der Kirkhof (above) of PSV came the nearest to anyone to break Johan Cruyff's record of scoring the fastest goal in Holland. Willie netted in 23 seconds against Maastricht... but Johan's



## 'Only there to spread violence'

JUAN CARLOS LORENZO (above), renowned for producing hard and brutal teams, has run into trouble in Mexico, only a short while after failure led to his departure from Racing Buenos Aires.

In his first game on the bench for Atlante he got involved in a tremendous slanging match with his rival manager, who accused him of coming to Mexico simply "to spread violence and pick up big pay cheques."

Francisco Barba, a defender with Atlas, added that Lorenzo was shouting at his players from the bench, telling them to go in above the knee.

The Argentine manager made more enemies among the team when he had a row with Brazilian striker Luizinho, and while Atlante continue without a win to their credit, Lorenzo is at least succeeding in doing one thing — capturing the headlines!

THE French have published the list of total gate receipts for all their clubs for last season and in the First Division, Paris St. Germain did best, taking more than £1½ million. The only other club to top the £1 million mark were St. Etienne. Relegated Olympique Marseille, in France's second city, only grossed £700,000 while Bastia (in Corsica), Monaco, and Sochaux all took in little more than £250,000, for the whole domestic season.

AC Milan, relegated to the Italian Second Division over the bribes scandal, still have no chairman. Former superstar Gianni Rivera is a candidate with a lot of backing, but the signs are that Felice Colombo, the chairman suspended by the FA and major shareholder, is to nominate his brother Angelo, who will act as a cover for him, and Felice Colombo will continue to pull the strings behind the scenes.

## The sad face of Brazilian soccer

A FORWARD who lost consciousness when he was kicked in the head by a defender; a referee who punched a supporter who had invaded the pitch, breaking two of his teeth; a fan shot dead in a general melee during a football game in the State of Minas Gerais; an Inquest in the Football League of Rio de Janeiro because the trainer and the masseur of Vasco da Gama tried to physically assault a referee and a linesman; Zico sent-off because he kicked an opponent under the very eyes of the referee when the ball was no longer in play — all these facts happened within two weeks in Brazil and led the Brazilian Football Association to believe that Brazilian football is in the grips of violence, hooliganism and indiscipline.

The Brazilian Association of Professional Referees say that its members are already negotiating a life insurance, apart from another insurance against the risk of being hurt by stones, bottles and other missiles thrown at them.

Its president, referee Arnaldo Coelho, says that some of its members feel that their only hope rests in attacking first the strangers who invade the pitches, before being attacked.

And he also thinks that the referees don't enforce the laws of the game as they should, because they live under permanent pressure by the officials of the different clubs.

"These people say that they are sportsmen, that they are devoted to sport, but that is not true. They profit from football, because football gives them a lot of free publicity. They want their teams to win all the time, no matter what. They don't have any sense of fair-play," says Senhor Coelho.

record of ten seconds, set the 1971, still stands.

- When Eintracht Frankfurt heard that Bayern Munich were interested in Bum Kun Cha, they promptly offered their Korean striker a new three-year contract at a minimum of £100,000 per year.

● A strange report from Turkey states that the manager and players of First Division tail-enders Orduspor awarded themselves a £40 a head bonus for... losing 4-0! The team boss explained that they expected to lose by at least ten goals.

● Paul Van Himst, the Belgian record international cap holder, is now the coach of the Youth team of his old club Anderlecht.

● The last eight in the Italian F.A. Cup to be played in the spring are Juventus, Lazio, Torino, Fiorentina, Bologna,

Avellino, Spal and the holders AS Roma.

- During his first ever game in the Belgian First Division, between Antwerp and Kortrijk, referee Goris handed out eight yellow and one red card. A colourful start...



● Nice gesture from Real Madrid following the tragic explosion in a Spanish school which killed over 50 children. Real's president Luis de Carlos (above) sent a telegram offering to play a friendly match in the town of Ortuella free of

charge in a bid to raise money for the relief fund.

● The Italian Press have sarcastically pointed out that their First Division clubs have spent more on signing 11 foreign players than English clubs have spent on signing 32.

● The Uruguayan Championship ended in a more-than-comfortable win for South American Champions Nacional. They finished six points clear of Wanderers, with Penarol in, for them, a disastrous third place!

● "There are more St Etienne supporters in Paris than in their home town," said Michel Platini in an interview last season.

Judged by the recent visit of Les Verts to the capital he was right. 46,629 spectators paid more than £400,000 to see their 1-1 draw against Paris St Germain, in which St Etienne's Johnny Rep missed a penalty near the end.



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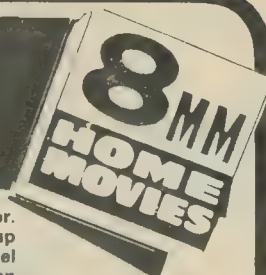
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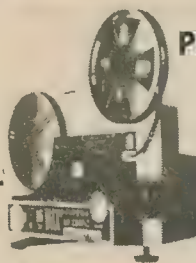
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# JOHN CHARLES



TALL, powerful and difficult to knock off the ball, John Charles was known as "The Gentle Giant". A natural born footballer, he always made it look easy and when he began his career as a centre-half his unselfishness and anxiety to part with the ball made him one of the finest attacking pivots. Although beginning as a ball boy with his local Swansea Town, it was Leeds United who first blooded him as a League player in season 1948-49, the season in which he became Wales' youngest cap at 18 years one month. In the 1952-53 campaign Leeds converted him into a centre-forward and from then until his shock departure to Juventus in 1957 he was their top scorer. Earning instant acclaim in Italy, he helped Juventus win three League titles and the Cup twice before Leeds bought him back in 1962. Charles couldn't settle this time, however, and in three months he was back in Italy with Roma, but at the end of one season he fittingly decided to round off his playing career in his native Wales with Cardiff City. Capped 38 times by Wales.

# GIACINTO FACCHETTI



HOLDER of the Italian record with 94 international caps to his credit — 70 of them as captain; winner of two European and two Intercontinental Cups, plus top domestic honours with Inter Milan, Giacinto Facchetti is one of the few defenders to receive top acclaim in a country where no-nonsense 'spoilers' are two-a-penny. Born on July 18th, 1942, Facchetti rose to fame as left-back in Helenio Herrera's Inter Milan side, notching a creditable 60 goals in the Italian League. By contrast, his role for Italy was purely defensive (he scored only three goals — against Cyprus, Finland and Scotland) and he made a vital contribution to Italy's success in the 1968 European Championship and their run to the 1970 World Cup Final by blotting out the opposition's key men.

# SANDRO MAZZOLA



SELECTED 70 times for the Italian national team between 1963 and 1974, Sandro Mazzola is high on the list of all-time great Italian strikers with 22 international goals. Born in Turin on November 8th, 1942, he won his first League title with Inter Milan at the age of 20 and in 1964 he hit the European headlines by scoring two of Inter's three goals in their 3-1 European Cup Final win over Real Madrid — a title they retained the following season. Mazzola's other successes include League titles in 1965 and 1971, the Intercontinental Cup in 1964 and 1965 and a European Championship medal when Italy beat Yugoslavia in 1968. His disappointments were losing European Cup Finals to Celtic and Ajax and being beaten by Brazil in the 1970 World Cup Final.



# KENNY DALGLISH

WITH nearly 80 international appearances to his credit, Kenny Dalglish is the most capped Scottish player of all time. A striker of outstanding qualities, he began his career with his local side Celtic, whom he joined straight from school. In 204 League games for the Scottish giant, Dalglish scored a remarkable 112 goals. His first full international honour came in November, 1971, when he appeared as a substitute for Alex Cropley against Belgium in Aberdeen. After gaining virtually every honour the Scottish game had to offer him, Dalglish moved South to Liverpool in August 1977 for a club record fee of £240,000. The task

of replacing the German-bound Kevin Keegan was an awesome one, but Dalglish proved more than capable of matching such a challenge. He proved himself to be an instant success with the Liverpool fans, and has been the idol of the Kop almost from his first kick of the ball for the Anfield club. He has since maintained his impressive record of almost one goal every other game, and has helped Liverpool to the two most recent League Championship titles. He also scored the only goal of the game against FC Brugge in the 1978 European Cup Final at Wembley. Scored 22 goals in all games last season.



# ANDY GRAY

THE most expensive player in British football, Andy Gray was signed by Wolves from Aston Villa at the beginning of last season for nearly £1.5 million. A Scottish international striker, he started with Dundee United, scoring 36 times in 62 League games. His move to Villa proved to be the spark needed to ignite his career, and he gained a League Cup winners' medal in 1977, despite missing the second Final replay against Everton. The idol of the Villa Park fans, Gray scored 54 goals in 173 League games for Villa, helping to re-establish them as a major force in the game after an eight-year absence from the First Division. His move to nearby Molineux did not exactly please the Villa supporters, and in his first season with his new club Gray's goals helped Wolves to sixth place in the League, their best position for many seasons. He also scored the solitary goal in last season's League Cup Final, ending Nottingham Forest's bid to achieve a unique hat-trick in that particular competition.







## DRAGAN DZAJIC

**POSSIBLY** the greatest left-winger in the annals of Yugoslav football, Dragan Džajić combined skill, speed, elegance and police with incisive running and dynamic shooting. Born on May 30th, 1946, he made the grade with Red Star, helping the Belgrade club to eight League and Cup titles in seven glorious seasons. He hit the international headlines at 22 when his goal knocked England out of the 1968 European Championship Semi-Finals, and went on to

score Yugoslavia's goal in the drawn Final against Italy in Rome. A combination of military service and a broken leg disrupted his career, but he returned to represent his country in the 1974 World Cup Finals before joining French club Bastia and, alongside Johnny Hepp, helping the modest Corsican team to a high League placing and a memorable run to the U.E.F.A. Cup Final. On his day, Džajić was regarded as playing a game on his own.

## TERRY NEILL

**THE** man who has successfully managed Arsenal to three successive F.A. Cup Finals, Terry Neill is the second most capped Northern Irish international in history. Started with Bangor in his native country, Neill joined Arsenal in 1959 and he gained his first cap two years later against Italy in Bologna. A strong and powerful centre-half, his first team appearances at Highbury were limited by the presence of Frank McLintock and Peter Simpson in the centre of the defence for much

of his time at Arsenal, and in 1970 he moved on to Hull City, where he was appointed player-manager. After four years at Boothferry Park, he moved back to London to become manager of Tottenham, before returning to Highbury in 1976. As a player, Terry Neill represented Northern Ireland at Schoolboy, Youth, Under-23, 'B' team and full international levels, his last of 59 full caps coming against Wales in May, 1973. He also had a spell as manager of his country.





# REAL MADRID

NEVER has any club dominated a major international competition as Real Madrid in the earliest seasons of the European Cup. Here was a team so full of talent as to defy description. None of the usual superlatives seem adequate for such stars as Alfredo di Stefano, Luis Del Sol, Ferenc Puskas, Raymond Kopa or Jose Santamaria, let alone do justice to their team work. Particularly inspired in attack, there has seldom been a side to match their ability in piercing massed defences. Real Madrid won the European Cup five years in succession from the competition's inception in 1955-56, calling upon 25 players for the five Finals in which the incomparable di Stefano ran up a total of seven goals. Others who appeared in all five Finals were wing-half Manuel Zarraga and their devastating outside-left Francisco Gento. British fans saw Real Madrid overwhelm Eintracht Frankfurt at Hampden Park in the 1960 Final with di Stefano scoring three and Puskas four goals.

Real's five consecutive European Cup Final wins:—

1956 bt Stade de Rheims 4-3 in Paris.

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1959 bt Stade de Rheims 2-0 in Stuttgart

1960 bt Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3 in Glasgow.



## NAT LOFTHOUSE

THIS Bolton lad who remained with the local club throughout his playing career, and eventually achieved his ambition by becoming their manager in 1968, probably turned the corner as a centre-forward in his seventh international. That was against Austria in May, 1952 when he played his heart out and got two England goals in a 3-2 victory. It was the game that earned him undying fame as "The Lion of Vienna". Lofthouse had always been a regular goalscorer, ever since he turned professional in

1942, but after that triumph in Vienna, there was a new dimension to his play, almost as if he realised that his name had gone down to posterity. Well built for the job, he led Bolton to victory in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley in 1958, getting both his side's goals in a 2-0 defeat of Manchester United. In September 1952 this great-hearted leader scored six for the Football League against the Irish League, and he netted a total of 30 goals in 33 full internationals.





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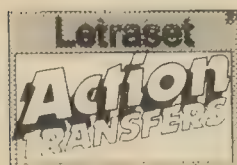
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**LOOK OUT FOR**





IPSWICH manager Bobby Robson will take more than a passing interest in Nottingham Forest midfielder star Raimondo Ponte when the sides clash at the City Ground on Saturday (November 22nd).

Because Swiss international Ponte was one of the players on Robson's short list last season when it looked as if Arnold Muhren would be packing his bags and returning to Holland.

Muhren, of course, eventually signed a new two-year contract at Portman Road and Robson had no need to move into the transfer market. But the Town boss is well aware of Ponte's qualities.

"He first came to my notice about a year ago when we were drawn against Grasshoppers of Zurich in the Second Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup," recalled Robson.

"When we went to Switzerland for the first-leg it was fairly common knowledge that he was going to leave the club at the end of the season. He played extremely well in that game but was well short of his best form in the return.

"A few months later, when

there's no doubt he has the ability," said Robson.

"Forest got a bargain when you compare his fee to what it would cost to buy a similar player in this country. I don't think it will be long before he starts to prove his value on the field."

Robson, of course, is delighted with his own excursions into the foreign transfer market. The Double Dutch influence of Muhren and his midfield partner Frans Thijssen has had a lot to do with Town's emergence as Championship challengers this season.

### Compare

Their combined skills cost Ipswich an almost incredible £350,000, which makes them probably the best value-for-money imports into the English game. How they compare with Swiss star Ponte will be one of the most intriguing aspects of a clash in which Ipswich will be looking for their first win over Forest since Brian Clough became manager. Ponte, Muhren and Thijssen could play a big part in the outcome.

## Ipswich wanted Ponte

Arnold was deciding about his future, I decided to take another look at Ponte. There was no point in waiting until the very end of the season because I wanted as much time as possible to fix up a replacement."

Robson flew to Zurich and saw Ponte in action for Grasshoppers in a League game. But while he was impressed with his overall ability, he decided not to pursue his interest.

"Arnold plays on the left side of midfield," explained Robson, "and it was obvious that Ponte was at his most effective on the right. If I had signed him, therefore, I would have had to reshuffle the side and I didn't want to do that.

"If Arnold was going to leave I wanted to sign another left-sided player to replace him. The last thing I wanted was to change the balance of the side. So I made no move for Ponte and eventually, of course, the situation resolved itself when Arnold decided to stay."

That was the best possible outcome for Robson but he still rates Ponte, an established Swiss international, very highly. And he is surprised that Forest's new star has not made a bigger impact in this country.

"He is good on the ball, he can take opponents on and he likes to get forward into the box. I must say I expected him to do better with Forest than he has done but



# 'Supermac's again'

If personality, enthusiasm and drive count for anything, Fulham are on to a winner in appointing Malcolm Macdonald as manager.

It's not the easiest of jobs in football that he has taken on, but he will not be found wanting when it comes to sheer effort and determination.

I've known him over many years and I will always remember the amount of work he used to put into England training sessions.

You could always bank on him wanting ten or 15 minutes shooting practice when everyone else finished, but as a goalkeeper you didn't want to be around for much longer than that with Supermac firing at you.

He used to put his total concentration and power into every single shot.

On his day that famous left foot of his used to have quite a sting in it, I





# shooting

can tell you.

I also had the good fortune to be at the other end of the pitch that night at Wembley when he scored all five goals against Cyprus. I may as well have brought a deck chair and a newspaper because I had so little to do.

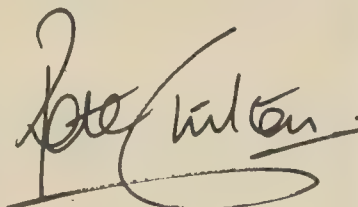
People argued at the time that the opposition were not very good but you have to have talent to score five goals against anyone — let alone in an international at Wembley.

As a player he was a great character — he used to get a lot of stick at times and on other occasions receive tremendous praise.

Off the field, he was never afraid to give his opinion and then stand

by it. I'm sure it is a characteristic he will now reveal in management.

Any player who has figured at the level he has, is not short of knowledge and if he gets that little bit of luck, Supremacy — and Fulham — might just take off again.



# 'Valencia keen to regain pride'

**W**E are back in Europe next week (November 25) when we play the first-leg of our Super Cup with Valencia in Nottingham.

And, particularly in view of the fact that we went out of the European Cup at the first hurdle, it is a game we are really looking forward to. Mind you, even though we were heavily involved last season, our Super Cup meetings with Barcelona were big and important dates in the Forest calendar.

It was one of my ambitions to play at Barcelona's famous Nou Camp Stadium. I had heard so much about the ground... and I wasn't disappointed on seeing it first hand.

What a superb setting it is and what an experience it was for me to play there in front of a big Spanish crowd. It was marvellous to make a return visit with England soon afterwards.

The great thing about the Super Cup is that you always stand a chance of playing against one of the really famous clubs in Europe.

Barcelona were going through a bad time when we met them but they played really well on their own ground.

They had a big name in the side in the shape of former European Footballer of the Year Allan Simonsen and, of course, our opponents next week have the celebrated Argentinian Mario Kempes.

You don't need me to tell you about his superb skills, and not having faced him before I'm looking forward to being in opposition to him.

Valencia have, like ourselves, gone out of Europe earlier this season so they will be extra keen to regain some pride in the two clashes with Forest. The same certainly applies to us.

# 'I'm singing with Ray'

**Y**OU will have heard by now that Ray Clemence and I have gone into the singing business.

Our single "Side by side" is soon to be released and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the public get as much pleasure listening to it as we did recording it.

The idea of a record first came up while I was on holiday with a good friend of mine Roger Eastby, who happens incidentally to be chairman of Alliance Premier League club Gravesend and Northfleet.

We were talking about the kind of people who make records and in the course of conversation I happened to say, very lightly, that I should make one.

I didn't really think too much about it after that but Roger, who is director of Polydor, didn't

leave the matter there and came back with the idea that I team up with Ray to produce a record.

Ray and I have always been great mates and immediately agreed. We spent about four hours in the recording studio in London and haven't had as much fun for a long time.

At one stage we were laughing so much about some of the lyrics that we had to leave the studio to compose ourselves.

I must admit that when I first heard the music — before Ray and I ever got to recording — I wasn't too keen. But the finished product is really excellent.

So much so that if the record is a success we wouldn't mind having a crack at another one.

Obviously, we are not real singers but I think that applies to a lot of people in the pop world these days!

Trevor Francis in action for Nottingham Forest during last year's Super Cup-tie against Barcelona.





## TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

# Quiz Time

## PAST STARS...

Study the following clues and see if you can identify the stars of the past.

1. Played for Celtic, Preston North End and Arsenal and was capped by Scotland on 25 occasions. After retiring from football he went on to manage six League sides, one in Portugal plus the Scotland International side.

2. Gained 27 full caps for Wales, a Second Division Championship medal in 1969 and a League Championship medal in 1972. Quit as a player to become manager of

Shrewsbury before taking over at the Victoria Ground.

3. This First Division boss played for Wolverhampton Wanderers, Oldham Athletic, Preston, Blackburn, Hull and Sheffield Wednesday during his career.

4. Unfortunately, one of this season's managerial casualties. He guided Ipswich Town to the Second Division Championship in 1968 and Wolves to the 1974 League Cup Final triumph.

5. In 1960-61, their first season in the Football League, this player hit 52 League goals as Peterborough United stormed to the Fourth Division Championship.

## BRITAIN IN EUROPE

The Second Round, second-leg games of the European Cup competitions were played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

1. Which Aberdeen defender was unfortunate enough to score the own-goal that set Liverpool on the way to a 4-0 win at Anfield?

2. Newport County carried the Welsh flag when they beat Haugar of Norway 4-0, 5-0 or 6-0 at Somerton Park?

3. West Ham joined Newport in the Quarter-Finals of the 'Cup-Winners' Cup after beating Timisoara of Rumania. What was the aggregate score?

4. Did Laurie Sivell or Paul Cooper (right) play in goal during Ipswich Town's 2-0 defeat by Bohemians of Prague? Town went through on a 3-2 aggregate score.

5. Which famous French side eliminated St. Mirren from the U.E.F.A. Cup?



## ...AND PRESENT

1. Hull City defender Paul Haigh was recently transferred to Chelsea, Carlisle United or Cambridge United for £100,000?

2. Did Steve Archibald, Osvaldo Ardiles (right) or Ricardo Villa score Tottenham's winning goal in their 1-0 League Cup Fourth Round game against neighbours Arsenal at White Hart Lane?

3. Gary Buckley, who recently made his League debut for Manchester City, is the brother of which First Division player?

4. Barry Silkman was signed recently by which Second Division club?

5. Another player on the move was Wayne Entwistle. Which club did he leave to join Blackpool for a £60,000 transfer fee?



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Alan Durbin. 3. Sunderland manager Ken Knighton. 4.  
PAST STARS. 1. Tommy Docherty. 2. Stoke's boss  
3. True. 4. True. 5. True.  
1. False — he plays for Exeter. 2. False — Hibs are top  
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(Nikolai). (20) Ivan. (21) Latchford.  
(23) Precado. (26) Price.

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Ewood. (19) Chic. (22) Tar. (24)  
Earl. (25) Each.

## TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Tony Kellow, one of the Third Division's top goalscorers this season, plays for Torquay United.

2. After 15 games, Dundee led the Scottish First Division by one point.

3. Manchester United have never won the Football League Cup.

4. Fulham's Gordon Davies is a full international player with Wales.

5. Albion Rovers play their home Second Division games at Cliftonhill Park.

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# FACE TO FACE~ KEMPES AND SHILTON

Forest's Super Cup clash against star-studded Valencia next Tuesday brings Peter Shilton face-to-face with Argentinian World Cup ace Mario Kempes. Can the England goalkeeper keep the scoresheet blank against the deadly finishing of "El Matador"?

Here's Mario's assessment of Shilton.

I'm keen to get my name on the scoresheet against Forest, because I never seem to have that much luck against English teams. I don't know why — it's just one of those things. The fans who saw our Cup-Winners' Cup Final against Arsenal will have seen that it just wasn't my night at all.

Mind you, I can think of easier teams to score against than Nottingham Forest! They're very strong, dangerous on the break, and very difficult to break down in defence. And Shilton is one of the best goalkeepers I've ever seen. I wouldn't say it's going to be exactly him and me face-to-face, because I've got to break through that defence to get at him!

I wouldn't rate Shilton as the Number One goalkeeper in the world — I'd nominate 'Pato' Filloi of Argentina for that honour. Not just because he's my team-mate in the national side, but because he's the most complete goalkeeper I've seen. In Europe, I'd go for Hellstroom, Arconada and Shilton, I think.

Having Shilton in front of me won't make any difference to my game. All I'll be worrying about is getting that ball into the back of the net. OK, you might look up to see where the 'keeper is positioned before you try a shot, but basically a striker doesn't take too much notice of the goalkeeper.

If you start thinking that you've got to beat someone special, you begin to take just that little bit extra care to be well-positioned, well-balanced, to hit the ball cleanly and to position it just right.

And while you're doing all that you've lost vital tenths of a sec-

ond, and the odds are someone has robbed you or got into position for an interception.

No, I feel that it's better if you don't think about the goalkeeper at all, and it would be a stupid mistake to let his reputation interfere with your natural game.

Anyway, I don't remember having come face to face with Peter Shilton before, so we'll see who comes out on top. I hope it's me...



Mario Kempes

**V**ALENCIA manager Pasieguito knows only too well that Kempes and his fellow South American striker Morena won't have it easy against Forest.

"I'd like to promise an open spectacular match, but you can't make statements like that in football," he says.

"Forest's central defenders are good enough to keep anyone out. You can't get past them in the air or on the ground. Defensively, Forest are superb.

"I must say, though, I liked Forest better when they had Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock up front. Mind you, even then they weren't really an attacking team — their strong-point is obviously defence and 100 per cent effort. It won them the European Cup in

Madrid this year."

Despite their star-studded line-up, Valencia have often disappointed away from home.

"This is a problem with most Spanish teams. It's difficult. Imagine we're playing in Seville for example. If there's a crowd of 50,000, then 49,500 are cheering for them. If one of their defenders goes in really hard, that's okay. Their fans will applaud. But should one of ours do the same they start hurling stones and cans on to the pitch. In these circumstances it's hard for the ref to remain impartial.

"Where we have fallen down is on consistency. I hope the atmosphere brings out the best in everyone next week... the Super Cup may not mean too much, but it is a prestige trophy."

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**C**OLIN Lee feared his career might be over as a top line striker in League soccer. The man who cost Chelsea £200,000 from London neighbours Tottenham was threatening to become another big money Chelsea signing dogged by injury.

Yet suddenly things have turned full cycle for Colin Lee. A spell of 11 goals in 11 games, including a hat-trick in the 6-0 thrashing of Newcastle helped him roar back into form and fitness, and Chelsea,

creating others. He became a target for all Second Division defenders, anxious at the prospect of being submerged by the rejuvenated Chelsea side.

Lee says: "The hamstring injury I suffered early on at Chelsea was the biggest problem. I would seem to shake it off, play a game and then break down again. It became a nightmare.

"So I saw a top surgeon and he advised me to tear the muscle completely. I pulled it in a match

fit, but the goals have helped."

Now, Lee has set his sights firmly on maintaining that goal burst. "I can still improve on what I do in the box," he says.

"Geoff Hurst and Bobby Gould have been working with me on several aspects of my play in the area. It's a big help to have two such experienced strikers as your manager and assistant.

"There cannot be much those two don't know about the art of forward play and they've helped me enormously.

"They have encouraged me to do my own thing more, and things are so much better now. We missed promotion by a whisker last season, but we are a better side now and I hope to play a big part in getting Chelsea back to the First Division."

## COLIN INJURED HIMSELF... TO GET FIT!

encouraged by the sudden emergence of a dangerman up front, lifted themselves to a place among the Second Division promotion contenders.

Lee explains: "I was injured in the first week I came to Chelsea and it went on from there. I had one injury after another, yet I'd always been a player who had seemed free from injury problems earlier in my career.

"At one stage, it seemed to me that I'd never be fully fit again. I was just unable to see any light at the end of the tunnel and it became very depressing."

It wasn't until early this season, that Lee really felt 100% fit when he wore a Chelsea shirt in competitive football. Yet he'd joined the club back in January.

The effect of full fitness was clear to everyone. Lee looked a different player, scoring goals and

but had to carry on, so that all the blood trapped in the muscle would be freed.

"It worked, but gave me one hell of a bruise all down my leg. Happily, though, it sorted out the problems.

"Once that bruise came out, things started to turn for the better. It took me a while to get my confidence back and run properly.

"But once I started scoring, it felt completely different. It took three or four games to get really match



Lee salutes the first of his three goals against Newcastle.

**L**ONG-TIME fans of Peterborough United appreciate a sharp goalscorer. The Posh kicked-off with one when they were voted into the Football League in 1960 — Terry Bly stormed the charts with 52 goals in 46 League games as they won the Fourth Division Championship in their first season.

He is still the only player to have topped 50 League goals in any season since the War.

Now, Peterborough supporters are convinced manager Peter Morris has found a new version of Terry Bly.

For when Robbie Cooke grabbed the only goal of the game against Darlington at London Road (October 18), he became the top scorer in domestic football with 13 goals (10 League, 3 League Cup), with the season only two months old.

## Cooke knows the recipe for goals

Only five months previously, 22-year-old Cooke was a non-League player with Grantham, in the Northern Premier League.

Peterborough manager Peter Morris takes up the story: "Robbie is a one-off, a real discovery.

"But I've known about him quite a while. I had him with me as a lad of 18 at Mansfield, where I was

player-manager. Then, after I moved on to become assistant-manager at Newcastle in February, 1978, Mansfield let him go on a free transfer."

Cooke, born at Rotherham, had made 15 League appearances, eight of them as substitute, during Peter Morris' two seasons at

immediate thoughts were about Robbie Cooke

Tottenham, Norwich, Leeds, Arsenal, Cambridge United and Ipswich all "had a look" — and Peter Morris says: "None of them took him, thank goodness."

So, for £7,000, The Posh snatched up the first real transfer

Mansfield, but had only one goal to show from those games — ironically scored against Peterborough — and his career in full-time football seemed over.

He went non-League with Grantham, but Morris always kept an eye on him, and after being appointed manager of Peterborough in February, 1979 his

bargain of football in the 80's. That was the fee they paid Grantham last May.

"Robbie is a Peter Ward type of player," enthuses Morris — and Ward recently brought Brighton a near half million transfer fee from Nottingham Forest.

"He's a sharp, fit lad with good skill and a natural hunger for goals — he knocks them in from inside and outside the box and is not afraid to go in where it hurts.

"A player of this sort will always get you goals, and he's already well on the way to the target of 30 I've set him for this season.

"If we keep Robbie, we'll win promotion this season. But the big clubs are watching him at nearly every match now.

"Right now I wouldn't take a quarter of a million pounds for Robbie Cooke. He's something different, you know."



Robbie Cooke (dark shirt) shoots just wide of the Darlington goal. He later scored the only goal of the game.



# Keegan's return — success or failure?

**K**EVIN KEEGAN came home to English football, to the acclaim of colleagues, opponents, supporters and authorities. Southampton, his new club, were tipped as First Division Championship winners; Keegan was regarded as the returning Messiah.

*But events have confounded the pundits predictions. It's true that Keegan has been dogged by injury and Saints have been beset by changes, making a settled pattern within their play desperately difficult, but despite that, has Keegan's return made the impact expected? Or has the homecoming of the European Footballer of the Year been something of a flop?*

*We asked four leading First Division footballers who have played against, or watched, Keegan closely this season for their views on the subject.*



ASA HARTFORD (Everton)

**'Ball would have helped him'**

**K**EVIN Keegan is a great player — make no mistake about that! But I reckon Southampton lost the player who would have helped Keegan make a major impact on the First Division — Alan Ball. If they could have kept Ballie and had him battling away and calling the shots in midfield, they would be one hell of a side, and Kevin would make a far greater impact.

I still believe he will make a major impact — but only if Southampton find the right place for him to play, and get the right blend around him. You can perm any two or three from the four of them — Keegan, Channon, George and Boyer. But NOT all four, because I don't think they blend together when they all play in the same side.

Lawrie McMenemy has to compromise somewhere, but I feel Keegan should play up front. That's where he's most dangerous. Kevin has never looked a better player than when he partnered

John Toshack up front for Liverpool. He was a constant danger in that position, but if you let him drop deep into midfield, I feel you lose much of his threat.

Kevin needs a fellow who can hold the ball up front and hold the forward line together. A Joe Royle or a Kenny Dalglish. But I'm not sure Channon, George or Boyer can do that job.

He's struggled a bit so far but that's inevitable with all the injuries and pressure he's had. That's part of the trouble — everyone is expecting too much from him and the pressure is weighing him down.

People should remember Kevin isn't a great, world class player. Perhaps that's what's wrong with the game these days — there AREN'T any George Bests, Johan Cruyffs or Denis Laws. Kevin isn't in that class, so he cannot be expected to make the kind of impact a real world class performer might make.



WILLIE YOUNG (Arsenal)

**'I'll back him to beat the problems'**

**I** BELIEVE Kevin has discovered just how hard it is in English soccer, something he had forgotten during his stay in Germany. To



me, the fact that he's been out injured for so long is one point above all other. EVERY game in the English Division is a tough one. There are more than six other teams in the Division and a tough task. But in the end, they are all hard matches whether you're playing Liverpool, Stoke, Manchester United or Norwich. Results prove that, time and again.

If you are carrying an injury in English football, you won't get away with it and Kevin has realised that, too. The quality of the marking in other countries probably isn't as good as over here; it is much tighter and more physical in England.

When we played Southampton at Highbury early in the season, Saints were playing 100 miles an hour football, everyone was buzzing and Kevin's influence was obvious. But it was clear they couldn't keep that up all season; once the initial lift of Kevin's arrival had worn off, they were always going to settle down to their normal game.

Southampton are very good going forward, but perhaps not so good at the back. That may have led to a few defeats and confidence has probably dropped away a little bit.

But as for Kevin, I would back him to get fit, put it right down there and lift everyone again. I believe he will make a major impact on our First Division because he is, above all else, a great player.

Injuries knock anyone sideways for a while, no matter who they are, but when the player is as good a performer as Kevin Keegan, there's no reason whatsoever to suppose he won't come back and make his mark.

A lot of pressure has been put on him and people have probably been out to give him close attention. But in the long term, I'd back Keegan to overcome any problems. He's that good a player.

*Keegan makes his mark on his Southampton debut against Manchester City at The Dell in August.*



**JIMMY RIMMER (A. Villa)**

**'People expected too much of him'**

**PART** of the problem is that Kevin needs the right players around him, just like everyone else. It's the same for a centre-forward — if he doesn't get the service, he won't score.

But people have expected too much of him, I'm convinced of that. And when he came back from injury, everyone thought he'd go straight into the side and score goals. But it doesn't work out like that, even if your name is Keegan.

Kevin didn't give us many problems when we played Saints at The Dell. We won that match and although Kevin made their goal with a marvellous run, he'd only just come back from injury and was obviously feeling his way.

### Unfair

As for the impact he's made so far — well, maybe it's unfair to judge because he has been out for so much of the time. But I think he is trying to do everything for himself as well as for everybody else. Instead of trying to get on with his own game, he's attempting to do the lot for the whole team.

It's hard to say how much of an impact he will make over here because I think he'll go on picking up knocks. He must be a marked man and obviously players are going to look for him.

But Kevin hasn't lost his ability overnight, that's for sure. It's going to be very interesting to see whether he can make the major impact expected. He knows it won't be easy but there is still time for him to do it. He did it with Hamburg so maybe he can still do

it with Saints.

One thing is certain — he hasn't really started yet, and by his standards we certainly haven't seen the best of him. Once he gets some games behind him, he may start to really do it and get Southampton ticking. But avoiding the knocks, or at least the serious ones, may be the key to it all. Players will go out to stop him playing any way they can, and that is the first hurdle he must overcome.



**RAY KENNEDY (Liverpool)**

**'He's tried to do too much'**

**I**f you answer the question straight, the answer must be 'no' — Kevin hasn't made the impact expected... not yet, anyway. But I don't think we have seen the best of him, because of injuries and the pressure he's been under.

He has probably played with injuries when he should have rested, and that hasn't helped. But I think one of the reasons for his own downfall is that he has tried to do too much on his own. One man never made a team, but Kevin seems determined to do everything for the side.

That has backfired on him, because he's played when he shouldn't have done, and has been frustrated by the injuries he's picked up. At the moment, I wouldn't say he has made a great impression on the First Division. True, Southampton started off well when they were all fit, but with the injuries to Kevin and Charlie George, they've found it hard.

Charlie may be just as important as Kevin, because with a player like Kevin in the side, defenders are sure to look for him. That must leave more space for others and no one is better at exploiting chances like that than Charlie George. But he's been missing, too, so it hasn't been all easy for Saints.

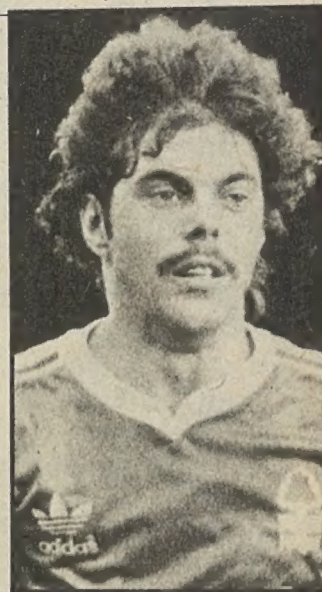
I think their heads may have dropped a little bit when Kevin was out of the side. When he started, they were all playing well because they all wanted to show him they could play. Kevin tends to make others play well, but when he was missing, I think the attitude might have been different.

Although he hasn't made the impact expected of him at this stage, I would back Kevin to come out on top in the end. He will show he's as good as ever when he gets the chance to play consistently.

When we drew 2-2 at The Dell, Kevin didn't seem to have changed a lot. He's still a good lad but I think he may have done harm to his own chances by pushing himself over the top. That's because he has probably wanted to do too much on his own. He must realise he doesn't have to work as hard as he has done.

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# Reject Ritchie has a score to settle

**B**RIGHTON'S record £500,000 signing, Andy Ritchie, has a few words of warning for his former colleagues, Manchester United, as they prepare themselves for Saturday's (Nov 22) visit to the Goldstone Ground.

"I know they've been doing well and we've been struggling, but I feel this match could go either way — especially if we can put our game together and attack. Forget our position in the League, because we've been playing far better than the tables suggest.

"Obviously I'll be trying to prove they were wrong to let me go," Ritchie continued, "and I'll be going all out, although I realise that I'll have to pace myself so that I won't run out of steam."

Ritchie describes his move to the South Coast as the biggest deci-

commented.

Ritchie also stressed that his decision not to join Chelsea was not influenced by the outburst which resulted in Queens Park Rangers parting company with Tommy Docherty.

"There were a lot of reasons why I didn't go, and what Mr

Docherty said didn't have anything to do with it. I'd rather just say that I didn't fancy the move," Ritchie said.

Before joining Brighton, Ritchie had only made five appearances for Manchester United this season, and although he had failed to score he was satisfied with his form.

"I thought I'd done quite well, even though I know I could have played better. But at least I had given my best, which is why I was a little disappointed at being dropped," he reflected.

Despite the bizarre events which involved him, Peter Ward and Garry Birtles in the notorious 'transfer triangle' between Brighton, Nottingham Forest and Manchester United, the thought that his move to Brighton could fall through never entered Ritchie's mind.

*Ritchie shows a clean pair of heels to the Arsenal defence during Brighton's recent game at Highbury.*

"When I first came down Alan Mullery assured me that I would become a Brighton player provided I wanted to sign. I was told that Newcastle were also interested in me but I said 'no way' until I'd made a decision with Brighton.

"I don't feel there's pressure on me. The fans know they must give me time to settle and I'm sure they realise that Peter Ward and I are two different types of player," Ritchie explained.

Despite The Seagulls' precarious position in the relegation zone, Ritchie remains adamant that Brighton will still be a First Division club next season. "I can't see any way we'll go down if we continue playing as we have been. Things must start going right for us eventually as the club's got tremendous potential, which is why I'm proud to be part of it."

It did not take long for Ritchie to discover what a friendly club Brighton are, and despite their bad run and speculation about Alan Mullery's future he quickly settled in.

"We're certainly not the worst team in the First Division, and that makes it all the more important that we give our fans a treat on Saturday," Ritchie pointed out.



sion of his life and still admits to having a few regrets about leaving Old Trafford.

"I'd lived in Manchester all my life and I've got a lot of friends there," he said. "I didn't want to leave but in the end I had no choice, because there would have been no future for me if I'd stayed."

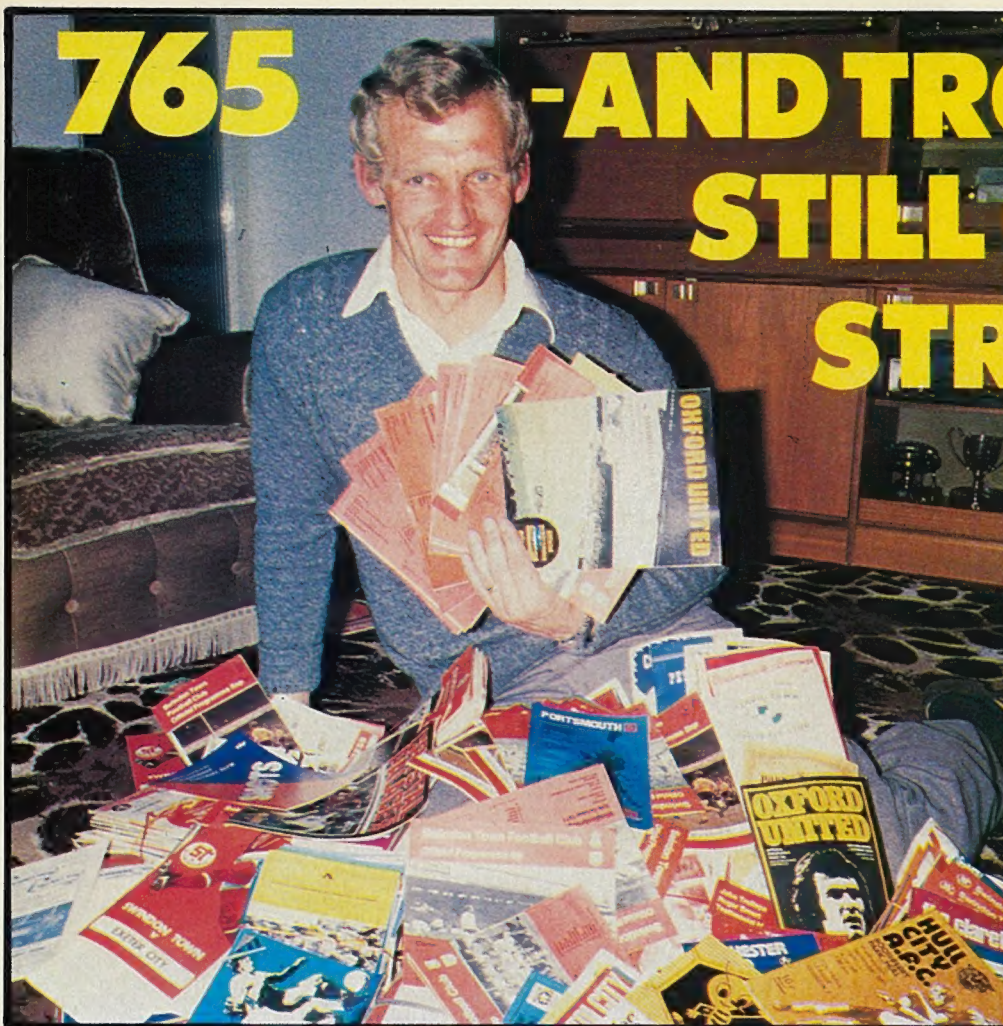
Before choosing Brighton, Ritchie turned down offers from Aston Villa and Chelsea which he still feels he was right to do.

"The Villa offer was about 12 months ago and I didn't really have enough time to think about it. I had a look round, and although I liked Ron Saunders and the club, I was still convinced I had something to offer United," Ritchie





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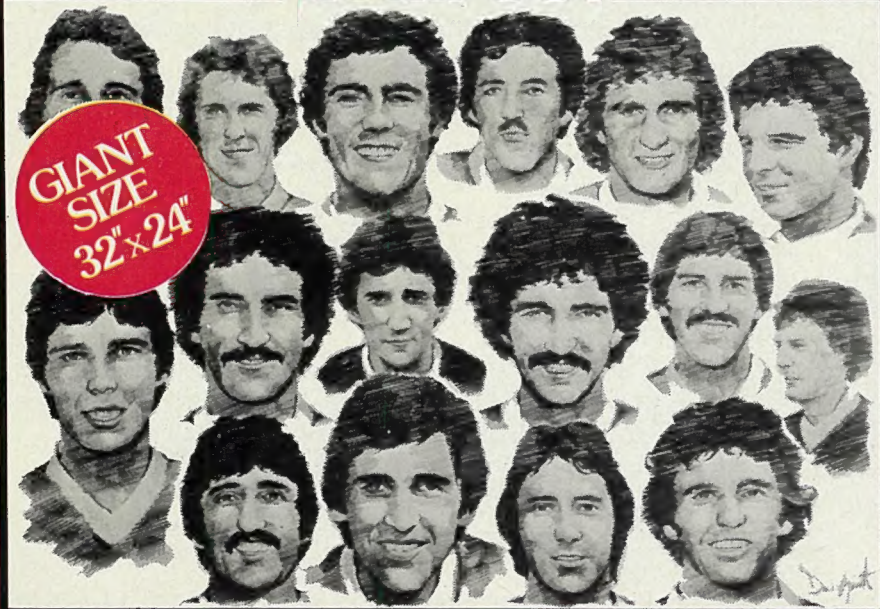
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FAVOURITE ACTORS: Peter Sellers and Gene Wilder  
BEST FRIEND: My wife Paula  
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Mike Kelly (former assistant-manager at Fulham) and Tommy Tranter (coach at Slough Town)  
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Travelling home after defeat  
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None at the moment  
PERSONAL AMBITION: To drive a Formula One racing car at Brands Hatch  
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be a successful First Division player  
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? What I was — a P.E. teacher  
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Golfer Jack Nicklaus

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